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Yanks Rip Holes In Siegfried Mud Slows Operations

Like a gigantic punch, the Yanks have been ripping holes in the Siegfried line this week, after ten days of comparative lull.

Tanks of Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges First Army poured through the main gap north of Aachen on Wednesday to blast the secondary defenses, after infantry and artillery had smashed up the tough concrete bastions and pill-boxes of the first defense line.

Another hole has been punched 12 miles south of this near Rott, at a position only 30 miles from Cologne and 32 from Dusseldorf.

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's men have been fighting hand-to-hand battles for fortified positions around Metz, the strongest fortress city in

Western Europe. They have gained Fort Driant and are making steady progress.

General Patch's Seventh Army has taken Roncamp, 10 miles west of Belfort, and is working its way steadily toward the Belfort Gap into Germany proper.

The British armies in the north

have made progress around Nijmegen, have entered the Dutch corridor, and have the situation in that area well in hand.

The Canadians have taken Calais, are now around Dunkerque and are also pressing on Antwerp. Indications point to an attempt on the part of the Nazis to leave the Low Countries entirely.

Rain and deep mud have slowed up Allied operations, making it necessary for armored vehicles and heavy transport to keep to the main roads.

Yanks Near Bologna

In Italy, despite desperate resistance and frequent counter attacks on the Yank positions in the mountains, the Americans have taken Monghidoro, an important rail junction 18 miles south of Bologna, a Nazi supply and communications center, on the route of the main Allied drive up (See "YANKS," Page 13)

Wasps To Be Demobilized

WASHINGTON — Convinced that by mid-December there will be sufficient male pilots available to fill all flying assignments in the United States and overseas, the Army Air Forces will inactivate the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP), Dec. 20 next, Gen. H. H. Arnold, Commanding General, announced Tuesday.

In his official statement announcing the Wasp demobilization order, General Arnold said:

"... Allied dominance of the air over Europe has resulted in losses below the rate anticipated, requiring slower movement of pilots from training to combat and in an accelerated movement back to this country of combat pilot veterans. Reduction of training has also made several thousand male civilian fliers available to be trained and assigned to the routine service pilot jobs now being done by the Wasp. These factors indicate that the time has arrived to release the Wasp. The date, as fixed, permits the transitional training of male replacements, gives adequate notice, and will permit the Wasps to reach their homes by Christmas.

"Until Dec. 20, current Wasp activities will be continued without change."

There are approximately 1,000 Wasps. As they were not on military status, they will be presented certificates of service.

Reich In Bad Way Swiss Report Says

LONDON—The Swiss newspaper "Die Nation" is quoted here this week as giving this record of German war losses since the Polish invasion in 1939:

Dead—8,500,000.

Wounded—6,300,000.

Ill in Germany, largely from "war experiences" or malnutrition—21 millions.

Shelterless from air raid destruction—18 millions.

Only two German cities, the paper stated, can really be called cities. The rest are said to be heaps of rubbish.

The report noted that in addition to losses in manpower and property, Germany's natural resources had been exploited ruthlessly until its farmland was exhausted, its supply of game decreased by two-thirds and its forests "ruthlessly cut down because the synthetic material industry needed wood."

4,000 Wounded Flown Home Monthly By ATC

WASHINGTON—C-54s of the Air Transport Command are now flying combat casualties home to the United States at the rate of 4,000 a month, about 40 per cent of all casualties returning from overseas.

Latest figures in air evacuation were disclosed by Maj. Gen. David N. W. Grant, The Air Surgeon of the Army Air Forces, in an address Tuesday at the final graduation exercises for Flight Nurses and en-

listed technicians of the AAF School of Air Evacuation at Bowman Field, Louisville, Ky.

The School will be moved to Randolph Field, Tex., on Oct. 15, and made a division of the AAF School of Aviation Medicine.

Since air evacuation training was begun at Bowman Field in October, 1942, 29 Medical Air Evacuation Squadrons have been organized and nearly 1,000 Flight Nurses and a comparable number of Surgical Technicians have been trained, General Grant said.

"These specially trained personnel have gone out and, in cooperation with the Troop Carrier and Air Transport Commands, the Ground Forces, the Navy, and our Allies, have established a world-wide record for meritorious service," he said.

425,000 Since Pearl Harbor

"Since Pearl Harbor, more than 425,000 sick and wounded patients of the United States and Allied forces have been evacuated by air, the vast majority under care of Flight Nurses. This record has placed air evacuation on a par with blood plasma, front-line surgery, penicillin, and the sulfa drugs as a great life-saving measure.

"To what degree air evacuation (See "FLY 4,000," Page 13)



Signal Corps Photo

PILLBOX embrasure in the Siegfried Line was blown out by Yank engineers, and Pvt. Royce Vick, of Pitt, Tex., inspects the havoc wrought.

Safety Program Works!

Accident Rate Cut 27 Per Cent

WASHINGTON—Maj. Gen. Archer L. Lerch, the Provost Marshal General, told the National Safety Congress in Chicago that the Army's safety program for the first half of 1944, compared with the same period last year, had made considerable progress and in some instances "remarkable" reduction in accident frequency had been accomplished.

Comparing results for the first half

of this year with the 1943 period, General Lerch said that accident frequency in Army installations—arsenals, depots, ports, posts and camps—had been reduced 27 per cent and that similar reductions had been accomplished in the Army's nine service commands, where the "greatest" exposure lies.

He explained that while hazards vary in different sections of the country and are not properly comparable, the Sixth Service Command with headquarters in Chicago and under the command of Maj. Gen. Henry S. Aurand, had effected the greatest reduction in accident frequency, which represented a 35.6 reduction.

Speaking before the Army session of the congress, General Lerch said the results were proof of the comprehensive safety program existing in all the armed services today. He said the Army was cognizant of the

"vicious" and "depleting" effects of accidents on slowing down victory and that emphasis is placed on safety on the home front, in training and at the battle front.

Improvement was made by all the technical services having responsibility for safety and while the Ordnance Department, with its manufacturing and handling of high explosives, had a low frequency of 8.2, for the first half of 1943, it was lowered to 7.1 during the first half of 1944.

A remarkable record, he said, was accomplished by the Chemical Warfare Service, which supplies the Army with chemical warfare supplies, when it effected a reduction in accident frequency from 34.4 to 14.7. (See "ACCIDENT," Page 13)

Sept. Production Of Super-Bombers Is 'Greatest Yet'

WASHINGTON—The War Production Board announced this week that the production of long-range super-bombers in September was "the greatest yet in a single month."

The actual number of B-29 and B-32 bombers produced in the month was not given for security reasons. But the WPB said that, despite the new record output of the big planes was still "under schedule."

Total output of all aircraft for the month was 7598 planes, which was 98 per cent of schedule. Production of B-17 Flying Fortresses and B-24 Liberators was on schedule. The WPB said that types of planes most needed "continued to come out in increasing numbers."

300,000 PWs Held in U. S.

WASHINGTON—There were 300,382 prisoners of war held within the continental limits of the United States as of Oct. 1, the War Department announced Wednesday.

Breakdown as to nationalities was:
German—248,205.
Italian—51,034.
Japanese—1,143.

The Provost Marshal General's Office stated the prisoners were held at 131 base camps and approximately 300 branch camps located in all sections of the United States. The branch camps are designed to place prisoners near current work projects.

This Is No Time To Unzip the Lip

WASHINGTON—The Secretary of War the Honorable Henry L. Stimson, made the following statement Thursday at his press and radio conference:

"In a prolonged war there is a natural tendency toward a public letdown in the precautions taken to safeguard military information. Such a trend has been reported recently. It is a dangerous trend and will prove harmful to the security of our operations unless it is curbed at the outset.

"While great victories have been won in Europe, and our ultimate victory is certain, we still have a tremendous job ahead both in Europe and in the Pacific. In future months we shall see shifting of armed forces on a vast scale to points where their blows will fall most heavily upon the enemy. Our efforts to conceal from the enemy the nature and destination of troop movements and other military matters must be redoubled. The Army and Office of War Information have carried on a successful drive to prevent such disclosures in the past. Success in the future depends on public cooperation."

Army Casualties Total 351,293

WASHINGTON—Total Army casualties, as reported by War Secretary Stimson through September 21, total 351,293. Broken into categories, these show:

Killed—68,568.
Wounded—185,921.
Missing—45,488.
Prisoners—51,316.

Of the wounded 84,379 have returned to duty.

Total American casualties in Italy, from the time of the first landing on the mainland to September 25, not including Air Force casualties, total 82,111. In categories these show:

Killed—15,889.
Wounded—56,178.
Missing—10,044.

'Dont's' Take Joy Out Of Life

With the Provost Marshal having decreed that American soldiers on leave in Sydney, Australia, must not sit on the grass with girls in parks when benches are available; must not hold girls' hands in the streets nor walk with their arms around them; must not carry liquor conspicuously in the streets; must not make the "grand rush" for taxis, and must not use official cars excepting for official business, GI Joes have about concluded they're expected to find their joy at the zoo, playing with kangaroos.

Official reports of the birth of quintuplets to Senora Tomasa

Gomez, 34, of San Salvador, were revised after an "official recount." It was found she had given birth to triplets, one boy and two girls, bringing her babies into the world without the help of either a physician or midwife.

Members of the "Turkey Family" want it known they've done their stuff in producing and it's up to transportation to deliver the goods to soldiers on the 56 fighting fronts. The turkey crop this year was 480 million pounds, topping last year's yield by 12 millions, with 35 million pounds already shipped or ready to go for Thanksgiving, Christmas and

New Year's meals for GI Joes. With the birds will also go millions of pounds of mincemeat and cranberries.

Reporting on a questionnaire submitted to a sample group of young German prisoners on the Eastern front, the British radio (See "AFTER FIVE," Page 13)

Copies of Army Times are made available to all Army hospitals through the American Red Cross.

Gets Legion of Merit

U. S. ARMY HEADQUARTERS, Paris—The Legion of Merit has been awarded to Col. Howard H. Reed, of the Office of the Chief Engineer, European Theater of Operations, for his services in organizing supply facilities in Africa and the Middle East.



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Return Of Vets Not Problem But An Opportunity, Bank Heads Told

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—If the millions of returning veterans are given half the support in peacetime that they have and are now receiving in war time, they will materially help in making America much better and stronger.

This was the message of Homer B. Clarke, of Tennessee, president of the National Association of Supervisors of State Banks, to 180 delegates representing 35 states, assembled in annual convention.

Mr. Clarke urged that Americans regard the return of war veterans as a marvelous opportunity rather than a problem.

"I believe the key to our future will be the attitude with which we approach it," said Mr. Clarke. "If we choose to look at our millions of returning soldiers as a problem, we may be sure that we will have a real problem. I prefer to view them as a real opportunity."

Utilize Human Resources

Quoting economists who said the Nation should have post-war production and national income roughly one-third more than in 1940, Mr. Clarke said that "with our vast national resources, its attainment is limited only by our ability to utilize our human resources."

Preston Delano, of Washington, Comptroller of the Currency, told the bank supervisors that "it is generally agreed that one of the main difficulties in the transition of our economy from war to peace will be the necessity of holding within proper limits the demand for consumers' durable goods until these goods can be turned out in volume by our industrial plant reconverted from its war effort."

Prevent 'Bond Dumping'

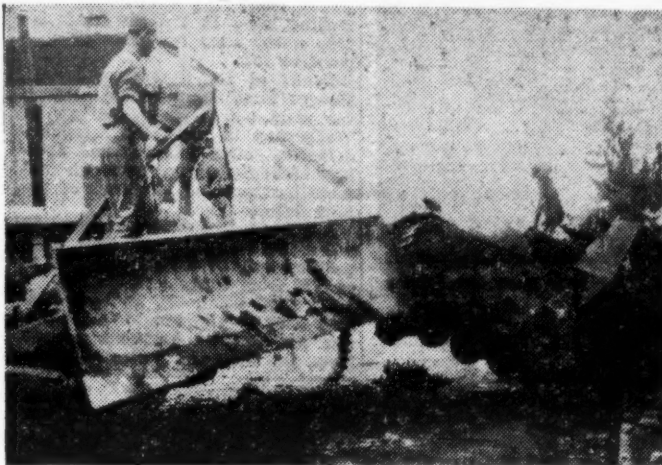
"It is assumed that rationing and

price control will play their parts in the months ahead, but a very important factor, almost a determining one, will be the question of what the individual investor does with his holdings of Government bonds, now at the impressive total of some \$47,000,000,000.

"The banks have done yeoman service in promoting the sales of War Bonds to individuals, but it now devolves upon them, in their own interest and more importantly

in the interest of the country, to use their influence everywhere to prevent a general cashing in of these securities to storm a market for goods which cannot be immediately produced."

Other speakers included C. A. Dykstra, president of the University of Wisconsin, and W. Randolph Burgess, vice chairman of the board of the National City Bank of New York and new president of the American Bankers Association.



Signal Corps Photo
COMBAT Engineers in bulldozer rapidly clear the roads in Ste. Marie En Chaux, France, of destroyed German equipment.

'Red Ball Express' Speeds Supplies To Combat Troops

WASHINGTON—A one-way, 200-mile speedway has been devised in France to enable supply trucks to keep pace with the fast-moving Allied combat forces, the War Department reports.

Since D-Day the Motor Transport Brigade, commanded by Col. Clarence W. Richmond, of Santa Monica, Calif., has been speeding food, ammunition, and gasoline to doughboys and tank squads. But when the breakthrough was accomplished and exploited by ground troops the supply forces began to experience difficulty in keeping up with the advances. As a result the new U. S. Army "Red Ball Express," probably the longest and

fastest truck train in history, was inaugurated by Colonel Richmond and Brig. Gen. Ewart G. Plank, U. S. Army, commanding general of the advanced section, Communications Zone, European Theater of Operations.

The highway is a giant loop that feeds one-way traffic of thousands of loaded trucks to the front lines and sends empty ones back to Normandy for more cargo. Trucks travel down one side of the loop and return on the other side. Every truck is labeled "priority" by a red disk on its front and rear. The same red ball is painted on the helmets of the special force of military police which controls the road.

In case of a breakdown, no truck holds up a convoy. The driver pulls out of line and repairs his truck while the others continue on. If he is unable to repair it, a "Red Ball" ordinance crew either makes the repair or assigns a new truck.

The "Red Ball Line" provides a bivouac area halfway along the road where drivers are changed. While the new drivers keep the trucks moving those who are relieved can bathe, eat a hot meal, and catch up on sleep. Then they meet the convoy on the other side of the loop at the halfway point of the return trip, and another change of drivers is made.

Silver Star Hero Modest About Job

WASHINGTON—Devotion to duty accounts in a large measure for the day-by-day heroism of the American doughboy and when combat honors come his way he is modest and reticent about his exploits.

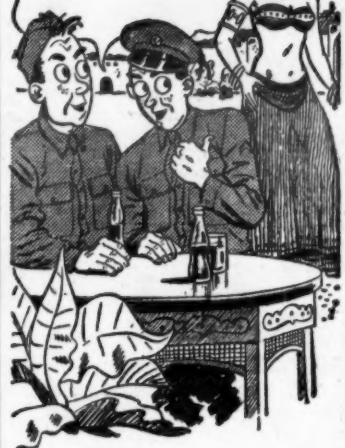
Quiet, reserved Pvt. Norris F. Schrecengost, an Infantryman, of Kittanning, Pa., is an excellent example of the footsoldier type. Now at Walter Reed General Hospital Convalescent Section, Forest Glen, Md., where he is recovering from battle wounds which cost him left leg, Private Schrecengost glossed over the gallantry in action which won him the Silver Star at Anzio last February.

"Any doughboy would have done the same thing," he explained. "I was just doing my job."

The fact that his job—keeping communications open during a large-scale enemy attack on the then fairly-new beachhead—was performed under what the citation described as "intense artillery, mortar, tank and machinegun fire" didn't lessen his feeling that he was only doing his duty.

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Port Crew Sets World's Record; Unloads Liberty Ship In 46 Hours

C-B-I THEATER.—A U. S. Army Port Battalion in Calcutta recently set a world's record for unloading a fully loaded Liberty ship. Forty-six hours and four minutes from the time they started the cargo discharge operation, the last piece of cargo was off the ship and either in the sheds or on trains, on the way to distant destinations in Assam or other parts of India. The reported average time for unloading a Liberty ship runs in the vicinity of nine days.

Disregarding doubters and technical obstacles, husky soldiers clambered aboard the ship before it reached its berth. Their avowed purpose was to break the world's record—and break it they did. As one member of the battalion put it, "Tuesday was our D-Day. We had a mission to fulfill, and we were damned well going to deliver the goods."

Start Unloading Oil
So thoroughly did the record breakers become engrossed in their task that they made the mistake of starting to unload some of the ship's

oil after the entire Army cargo was off the ship.

This was no picked cargo. The ship chosen for the epic performance was given the nod before SOS officials had seen its manifest. It was one of the most heavily laden ships ever to enter the American docks at Calcutta. Every available foot of space was crammed with cargo, much of it bulky and difficult to handle. Almost one hundred massive crates securely stowed on the decks had to be lifted off before the powerful cranes could be put to work in the holds. At one point in the preliminary operations a crane was out of commission for several hours and threatened to jeopardize the battalion's chances of achieving its goal.

Bazooka Used To Sink Nazi Launch

WITH THE 83RD INFANTRY DIVISION IN FRANCE—When Bob Burns designed his now world-famed bazooka, which has given pain with entertainment to U. S. radio audiences, he may not have dreamed that one day its deadly namesake would be used to sink enemy ships. Here's the story!

An infantry company of the 83rd Division, headed by Lt. George Partenan of L'Anse, Mich., had fought its way to a narrow channel that empties into St. Malo Bay. Out in the bay, a German 60-foot launch sneaked along, trying to escape into the channel. The commanding officer called for a bazooka team. The men calmly awaited his order, sitting at the water's edge. When the launch moved into range, Lieutenant Partenan gave the signal. One rocket from the bazooka was sufficient. Results: End of launch—end of crew.

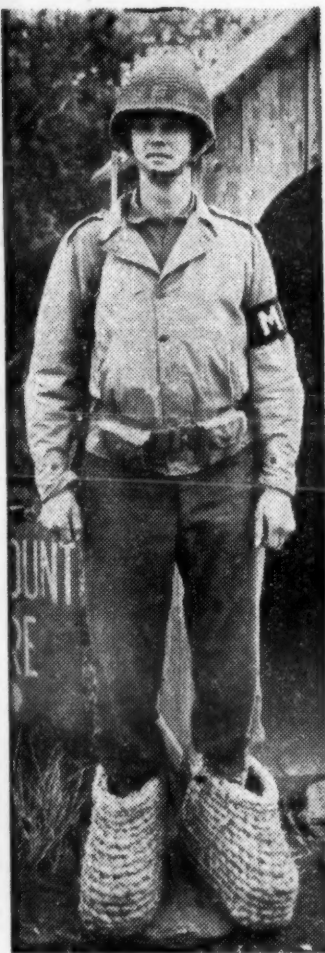
Three days prior to the arrival of the ship, a special operations order was published. Procedure was set and specific personnel assigned to specific jobs. Just as every man in combat has his job to do, every man in this Port Battalion was given his job and knew that if he fell down on it he would affect the entire operation of his unit.

Setting the new record involved discharging the cargo at a rate of more than 100 tons per hour. Every soldier in the battalion was congratulated by Brig. Gen. Gilbert X. Cheves, who commands the SOS Base at Calcutta. The General promised them all a party after they had rested up from their strenuous efforts.

Trained For Job

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STRAW overshoes, taken from a Nazi, are tried out by Pvt. Patrick J. McDonald, of Grand Rapids, Mich., an MP attached to an Infantry unit in France.

WAC Advisors Inspect Two Training Centers

WASHINGTON—Mrs. Oswald B. Lord of New York City was named chairman of the National Advisory Committee for the Women's Army Corps at the conclusion of the committee's two-day meeting in Washington last week. Mrs. Alfred H. Taylor of Glencoe, Ill., was made secretary.

At General Marshall's invitation, nine of the committee members visited the two WAC training centers Saturday and Sunday. Four left by plane Friday night for Fort Des Moines, Ia., and five flew Saturday morning to Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.

Mrs. Lord, newly named chairman of the National Advisory Committee, is chairman of women's activities, National War Fund, Inc., in New York, and has been actively interested in the Women's Army Corps for many months. She serves also as chairman of the Civilian Advisory Committee in the Second Service Command.



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A Big Job Lies Ahead!

In contrast to the enthusiastic reports from the front Supreme Allied Headquarters takes a conservative view of the battle along the vaunted Siegfried Line.

Although the line has been breached at several points Supreme Headquarters is aware that behind the "old" and rather out-moded line there are other fortifications, which probably will prove much more difficult to break.

In the over-all picture the breaches are merely dents in a great defensive system. The Germans still have time to throw in reserves and seal off the break-throughs.

The contrast in the reports from the front and those from headquarters are not contradictory. The Joes, who have met and beaten the enemy in his own territory, have done a great job. They have knocked the superman theory for another loop—as is witnessed in the outburst of fresh Nazi propaganda in the face of the new danger.

These American fighting men would be the last to ever predict an easy and swift victory. They have been forced to use every weapon at their disposal to outfight a tough enemy.

The mouthings of Goebbel's propaganda organization accents the fears of the Nazi party. Already the controlled press and radio is calling on Germans to wage guerilla warfare "to the death." To support this plea they threaten to shoot or hang every collaborator with the Allies, including officials who merely obey orders.

It is with savage bravado that Goebbel's boasts that the Germans know how to conduct guerilla warfare more effectively than either the Russians or the Yugoslavs.

The Allies will have to prepare for such warfare. There are a number of Nazis who will take to the hills, but the great majority of Germans show no indication of making any last stand. In fact it is possible that the top Nazis will be forced to flee not only the Allies but the bitter and disillusioned Germans, whose lives and resources they have wasted.

AAF Has Done a Great Job!

The completion of the WASP training program marks the end of a great phase of the AAF program. In less than three years the Army Air Forces training program has produced enough airmen to crew the greatest air power in the history of the world.

The WASP program has been the center of bitter controversy—but Gen. H. H. Arnold demanded the continuation of the program until he knew there were sufficient airmen to take care of this nation's needs.

It is a great tribute to the organization leaders of the AAF that the need for women pilots has ended. Starting out virtually from scratch they produced in an astoundingly short time airmen, who are able to fly rings around the enemy's best, to fly some of the toughest air routes in the world and to staff the greatest air transport system.

Communities Study Vet Problem

An increased interest in veterans' problems is being reflected in the community organizations being set up to aid Joes in finding jobs and making social readjustments.

Although some of these committees have just been organized and others have been fumbling along there are a number which have established sound working organizations. They are doing a great job of studying job possibilities, housing and living conditions for returning servicemen and women.

Whether the organizations set up function properly cannot be determined until put to the post-V-E-Day test but at least they are doing a great job in making the citizens appreciate the problems confronting every person coming out of service.

Wildcat Routs Sergeant

CAMP GORDON JOHNSTON, Fla.—"We've got a little time. Let's fix up that old Dodge truck," said the sergeant, inspector at the Motor Pool.

Pfc. Julius Dobler, Fairfield, Conn., strode to the far end of the lot, opened the door on an old Dodge, peered in, and then fairly flew through the air, backward, as a wildcat leaped out of the cab's dim

interior. Yowling and spitting, the cat tore off through the brush.

Venturing back to the truck after his goose pimples had assumed only ordinary proportions, Private Dobler found a couple of baby wildcats for which the drivers and mechanics immediately made great plans. Alas for broken hopes, the old lady came back that night to carry off the babes.

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Q. After I am honorably discharged from the Army, is it possible for me, under the GI Bill, to enroll in a university and also to borrow money to build a home?—Pvt. B. G.

A. Yes, any veteran who qualifies can resume his interrupted education, and he may also take advantage of the provisions for obtaining a loan to build a home.

Q. Is it possible to make arrangements to get a loan to purchase a home under the GI Bill while a man is still in the service?—Pvt. R. J.

A. No; the GI Bill benefits are for veterans, and a man must be out of the service to take advantage of its provisions.

Q. I am an ex-P.O.W. of the Germans. While I was a prisoner I became sick and was sent to an Italian military hospital; there the Italians searched me and took \$116 in francs (\$300) from me, giving me a receipt and stating that this money was being sent to the Red Cross in Rome. How can I get this money back?—Pfc. M.B.R.

A. Write to the American Red Cross, 17th St. between D and E, N.W., Washington, D. C., stating the facts and enclosing the receipt (or a photostatic copy) and request them to take up the case with the Italian Red Cross through the Geneva headquarters.

Q. Is there an age limit for sending men to overseas service?—S/Sgt. E.L.P.

A. No; physical condition, not age, is one determining factor.

Q. I would like to buy a jeep after the war. How would I go about it? How much would they normally sell for?—Pfc. K.E.R.

A. A bill is pending in Congress which provides that veterans shall have the right to purchase individual articles of surplus Army equipment, the price to be no higher than that of a bidder for large quantities of such units of property. To date no action has been taken on this bill. ARMY TIMES will print a story if Congress acts.

Q. Is the government preparing anything in the way of advice or assistance for veterans who may wish to go into business for themselves and get loans for establishing such small businesses?—Sgt. R.R.

A. Regulations covering the loan provisions of the GI bill are expected to be issued shortly. The Department of Commerce is preparing a series of textbooks on establishing and operating small business in a variety of fields. They will be available in the Army education program and other branches of the armed services for voluntary study and informational reading.

Q. Under the Army demobilization plan, will men whose education was

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Interrupted by their service be released ahead of other men with the same number of credit points?—Cpl. R.J.P.

A. No; interference with education is not one of the factors which is to be considered in making discharges.

Q. If I qualify for continuing my education, which was interrupted by my Army service, and decide to take a part-time night school course and have a daytime job, will I receive any subsistence payments while studying?—Sgt. H.W.S.

A. You may receive such part of the subsistence payments as the Veterans' Administration may determine.

Q. I am a veteran and my commercial life insurance has been taken care of during my service by the Veterans Administration. How long will they continue to handle it?—R.J.M.

A. Payments must be brought up to date with interest within two years after your discharge.

Q. Does the family of a veteran continue to draw the veteran's pension after his death?—A.A.B.

A. No, but if the veteran's disability was service-connected, the dependent may file a claim for a pension on his own behalf with the Veterans Administration.

Q. I read that S.H.A.E.F. means "Supreme Headquarters Army Expeditionary Force." Is that correct?—A.J.L.

A. No, it means "Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces."

Q. Is overseas service calculated from the time a soldier leaves the States or after he arrives abroad?—L.A.M.

A. It is calculated from the date of departure to the date of return, both dates inclusive.

Q. I was divorced from my husband seven months before he entered the Army and there was no court order compelling him to pay me alimony. Am I eligible for an allotment?—Mrs. P.H.S.

A. No, you are not, because the court did not award any amount as payable to you.

Army Quiz

1. As "steps to the conquest of the Philippines," air and naval attacks and landings have recently been made on Angaur and Morotai. Can you locate the two?

2. You probably know that RDX is an ultra powerful explosive, experimented with by Army ordnance experts. Is DDT—

1. Double dynamite T?
2. A charge for rocket-guns?
3. An insecticide?

3. The name "Dunkerque" has come to signify an escape by sea. Do you know its literal meaning?

4. You have frequently heard Kipling's song "On the Road to Mandalay." Mandalay has been in the center of some intense fighting of the CBI theater. Is it in—

- A. China?
- B. Burma?
- C. India?

5. The letters "SOP" appear in the War Department's list of authorized abbreviations. Do they stand for—

- A. Sergeant on parade?
- B. Supplies Operation post?
- C. Standard operating procedure?

6. The Army calls them "hedgehoppers." The Navy dubs them "flat-hatters." Do you know what they are?

7. Allied forces are attempting to outflank the German Westwall by fighting their way through Holland. Do you recall any similar strategy used by the Germans early in the present war?

8. Neutral nations of the world were last week given a warning by the United States, backed up by Great Britain and Russia. Was it—

- A. Not to interfere with governments established in captured territory by Allied authority?
- B. Not to give sanctuary to Hitler and other Nazi leaders?
- C. Not to furnish supplies to the Axis?

9. Russian troops, now ascending the Danube to give aid to Yugoslav forces, will probably pass the famous "Iron Gate." Do you know what it is?

10. In moving from New Guinea to Halmahera General MacArthur's troops crossed the equator.

True? False?

(See "Quiz Answers," page 19)

Alaskan Joes Put Flowers First On Xmas Gift List

HEADQUARTERS ALASKAN DEPARTMENT—It still may be sweltering in the East and Middle West but it is Christmas time in Alaska and the Aleutian chain which points its arrow like a dart at the heart of Japan.

The folks in the States who have sons and husbands serving in Alaska and Aleutian posts shouldn't plan on buying flowers to add to their Christmas decorations—for that is the number one choice of the men for the Christmas present to send home.

This was revealed by checking every Post Exchange in the department clear out to the tip of the Aleutians.

The number one item of flower can be cut flowers, corsages or plants. The orchid corsage which sells for \$9 has been popular with the men who have a girl friend back home.

Other items listed in the catalog are jewelry, compacts, perfumes, men's toilet sets, cravats, mufflers, gloves, billfolds, luggage, games and toys for children, books, magazine subscriptions and candy.

Wac Writes New Song

FORT RILEY, Kan.—2nd Lt. Jean McCafferty, of Bayside, Long Island, N. Y., now transportation and central supply officer at the regional hospital here, wrote the lyrics and melody of a song entitled, "A WAC's Dream at Retreat," which was published recently in the Women's Army Corps song book, distributed to WACs in continental United States and overseas for community singing.

Conversation Piece!

By Sgt. Smith Dawless

Is the Gateway to India at Bombay
(Really as beautiful as they say?)

Don't rightly know, Ma'am. Did my part
Breakin' point in the jungle's heart;
Blasted the boulders, felled the trees
With red muck oozin' around our knees,
Carved the guts from the Patkai's side,
Dozed our trace, made it clean and wide,
Metalled and graded, dug and filled;
We had the Ledo Road to build.

Well, surely you saw a burning ghat,
Fakirs, rope-tricks, and all of that.

Reckon I didn't. But way up ahead
I tended the wounded, buried the dead.
For I was a Medic, and little we knew
But the smell of sickness all day through,
Mosquitoes, leeches, and thick dark mud
Where the Chinese spilled their blood
After the enemy guns were stilled:
We had the Ledo Road to build.

Of course you found the Taj Mahal,
The loveliest building of them all.

Can't really say, lady. I was stuck
Far beyond Shing with a QM truck.
Monsoon was rugged there, hot and wet,
Nothing to do but work and sweat.
And dry was the dust upon my mouth
As steadily big "cats" roared on south,
Over the ground where Japs lay killed:
We had the Ledo Road to build.

You've been gone two years this spring.
Didn't you see a single thing?

Never saw much but the moon shine on
A Burmese temple around Maingkwan,
And silver transports high in the sky,
Thursday River and the swift Tanai,
And Hukawng Valley coming all green—
Those are the only sights I've seen.
Did our job, though, like God willed:
We had the Ledo Road to build.



Kept Busy In German Prison Camp

Yank Makes Own Artificial Leg

WASHINGTON—Determined that he would not come home on crutches, Pfc. Everette W. Collins, of Weeksbury, Ky., made his own artificial leg and walked out of a German prison camp to be repatriated.

He used leather from the American Red Cross, fiber and plastics from the Germans, steel from the English Red Cross, and the foot from a discarded German wooden leg.

The 26-year-old veteran, now a patient at the Army Medical Center here, awaiting to be fitted with the new artificial leg the Army Medical Department will supply, told this story.

On February 15, 1943, during the Tunisian campaign, Collins was driving a tank. An 88-mm armor-piercing shell ripped into the tank; the tank lurched and stopped.

"I had a numb feeling in my right leg, and looked down at my foot," Collins said. "That AP shell had hit my leg about four inches above the ankle. Part of me was missing."

Collins dragged himself out of the

tank, and in about three hours the German medics found him and gave him first aid. It was not long before they picked him up and took him to the rear. Here the German surgeons completed the amputation the 88-mm shell had started.

Within a week he was evacuated to Italy. From that time on his wound was treated and dressed by American and British doctors who were also prisoners. About September 28, 1943, he was sent to a prison camp in Germany.

In about three weeks a Swiss delegation visited the prison camp to determine which of the prisoners were to be repatriated. Collins was among those selected. In the meantime the Germans had measured him for a leg. Months dragged on but no leg was furnished and no further word came from the Swiss delegation.

During this time he kept his stump properly bandaged, under the guidance of the doctor prisoners, massaged and exercised it daily so it would be in proper condition to wear an artificial leg.

Get Down to Work

Rumors began to spread through the camp that the day of repatriation was drawing near. So Collins decided to make his own artificial leg.

He found a British private who knew something about artificial limbs. They went to work in a shoe shop with a set of metal bending devices, a small vise, some hammers and a few screw drivers. The Germans furnished the fiber and acetone to make it soft so it could be shaped to fit his stump. They also furnished plastic wood to cover the fiber.

Pieces of scrap metal from England were shaped into braces and riveted to the fiber. American leather was used to make the corset to hold the leg in place. Finally came the foot. The Germans provided some discarded artificial limbs, and it was among these that they found a foot that could be salvaged. It was fitted to the metal braces

and the new leg was ready for a final fitting.

After a number of adjustments it was ready for him to wear. He put it on and without the aid of crutches or a cane walked from the shoe shop to his barracks, over 100 yards away.

About three weeks after he walked out of the shoe shop, men from this camp were put aboard a hospital train that traveled over the greater part of Germany, stopping at other camps to pick up more prisoners.

He has learned to walk so well that right after he reached the Army Medical Center he was given a 30-day pass, and then a 30-day extension.

As soon as he gets a new leg from the Medical Department, Collins is sure he will be able to walk much better than he now does.

The first thing he plans after being discharged, is to get married. Everything is all arranged. Collins said, "That little girl has waited for me ever since I enlisted on August 5, 1940."

After marriage he plans to complete his education.

Raises Fund for Band

CAMP CLAIBORNE, La. — The 752nd Railway Operating Bn., is soon to have a marching band. The Boston & Maine Railroad, sponsors of the battalion, and employees of the B. & M., have contributed \$1,800 to the instrument fund.

Organize Hiking Club

FORT SHERIDAN, Ill.—Chaplain O. K. Jonas has organized a hiking club for Sunday afternoon outings, concluding with group supper.

Ban Slot Machines

CAMP LEE, Va.—Army authorities have notified Governor Darden, Virginia, that all military establishments in the state had been ordered to eliminate slot machines.

Vets' Discharge Is Eased By New Reconversion Law

WASHINGTON — A provision of vital importance to all veterans is incorporated in the so-called "War Mobilization and Reconversion" measure, enacted into law by the President's signature on Tuesday.

Inserted in the last hours was a clause specifying that "the War and Navy Department shall not retain persons in the armed forces for the purpose of preventing unemployment or awaiting opportunities for employment."

Intent of the law is to "squash" the suggestion that it would be as cheap to keep Joe in the military service as to "carry him on relief."



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REMOVING shoes, in compliance with the religious custom, a group of Wacs, assigned to the U. S. Army Air Forces in the China-Burma-India Theater, walk in stocking feet into the famous Jainist Temple in Calcutta. This building is reputed to be one of the most splendidly ornamented in the East.



Signal Corps Photo

MEMORIAL erected in tribute to heroes of World War I at Montsec, France, is visited by Yanks of World War II. The town was a famous battlefield in the first war.

Army Garage Has Face Lifted; Now Guest House at Holabird

HOLABIRD SIGNAL DEPOT, Baltimore—A large reconstructed army garage decorated by the soldiers themselves is now serving as a Guest House for the 1342nd Service Unit, S. T. U., at the Holabird Signal Depot, Baltimore, Md. It accommodates approximately 800 people, and together with the theater seating 625 people, it proves to be an excellent place for relaxation. First Lt. Whitney C. McQueen, former Special Service Officer of the Unit, planned the development of both these facilities.

The equipment in the Guest House was furnished by the post entertainment and recreation fund, and included ping-pong tables, darts, cards and many other games. The Red Cross provided the other furniture.

An attractive globular map, nine feet in circumference, is set up in the reading section of the Guest House. This singularly large map makes it easy for a trainee to find

any locality which he has studied about in class, or which has become prominent in the news. Often it is the center of discussion when a soldier who has been overseas comes back and points out his various campaigns.

The theater, at the opposite end of the building, shows all the new and best movies, often before they have been to New York.

He Sells in Millions

CAMP BARKELEY, Tex. — Maj. David J. Evans, ASFTC Special Service Officer, has received a citation from the Treasury Department for his sales of 13 million dollars in bonds in three war loan drives.

25,000th Commission

FORT SILL, Okla.—The Field Artillery School recently graduated its 25,000th officer candidate.



Signal Corps Photo

SHARING his newspaper with some children near Metz, France, Pvt. Walter Snowden, of Memphis, Tenn., finds that American comics are just as fascinating to these French youngsters as they are to the kids back home.

Mississippi Is Preparing For Joes' Return

By Governor Thomas L. Bailey

In the past, Mississippi has provided museums to display the battle trophies of our soldiers returned from the wars. But today, we feel a responsibility to provide jobs. This will be our greatest contribution to the preservation of the American Way of Life on the Home Front. With this in mind, we Mississippians have prepared ourselves and our state for the return of the 200,000 men and women who have gone from our homes into the armed forces.

We believe that the soldier will wish to step back into civilian life and be an American; to take his place again in society, and in the same measure that he was a good soldier, he will be a good citizen. He will wish to file his battle-front experience in his memory as a necessary element to the self-respect of a man.

Provide a Good Life

When he returns the veteran will not wish to be set off in society in a group apart; neither will he tolerate being "led by the hand" to a job someone else has "dressed up" for him. On the contrary, he will wish to go forth on his own responsibility into an economic atmosphere so broad, so vital, and so heavily charged with "economic oxygen" that it will provide the good life for all. Only in such an atmosphere can the soldier find that place in the business world and in society which will provide him the fullest exercise of his talents and bring him the fullest reward in his pursuit of happiness.

If he wants his old job, he can have it, but in many instances the soldier will want and deserve a better job. Aware of the broad and intensive training in technical fields which our soldiers have acquired while in service, the Mississippi Legislature of January, 1944, enacted a law which makes it possible for every community in the state to obtain an industry. Many communities have already taken advantage of this law, and are taking the necessary steps to establish industrial enterprises to provide jobs for the returned soldier, his neighbors, and his friends. This same legislature created the Marketing Commission, and implemented it with a substantial appropriation. Through this agency organized agricultural groups can receive both technical guidance and financial aid in establishing processing plants for our varied and abundant farm products. Many soldiers will find an outlet for their talents and acquired skills through the activities of these two state agencies.

Aid Farmers

Further, the Agricultural Extension Service has established a committee in each of our eighty-two counties, and it is now engaged in training these committeemen in soil analysis, land use, and farm selection. Any veteran wishing to purchase a

farm home has but to present himself to this committee in his home county, or anywhere within the state. Without charge, he can receive the best information that scientific training and patriotic service can provide. Having made a choice of a farm, he will be given a written report showing soil analysis, a list of the crops best suited to the land, and an estimate of what he can reasonably expect in production from his soil.

For the past thirty years, Mississippi has spent over half of every tax dollar on education. It is but natural, therefore, that a complete program of educational opportunity has been provided for the veteran whose training was interrupted by his entry into the service. A professional



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assistant to the country doctor, and many of these will be needed.

Complete Training

For the veteran who wishes to complete a skill begun in the Army, the Department of Vocational Education, T. W. I. courses, E. S. M. W. T., and Apprenticeship Training courses have been established. This training will be offered in a form and on schedule suited to the veteran's needs.

Courses are available in sheet-metal work, machine shop operation, welding and metallurgy; courses in law, medicine, and in laboratory assistant; in radio, linotype, and heavy equipment operation; in cooking, baking, and dietetics—in short, courses from Alphabet to Asphalt, from earthworm to electronics. Incidentally, there is a splendid course offered for a technical

assistant to the country doctor, and many of these will be needed.

Needs Skills

Mississippi needs the skills of engineers, chemists, and doctors; of geologists, and soil and water analysts; of foresters, ministers, and teachers. In fact, no useful skill will lack opportunity for useful service in Mississippi.

We have become aware of the fact that there is no limit to new frontiers at our very feet; frontiers in a new dimension—in the strata of our soil. Ten new oil fields have been discovered in recent months, and we have prospects of twice that many more. These will yield themselves to the bold and the strong. We are discovering new frontiers in our sixteen million acres of forests; new horizons pushed back by pioneer chemists that await development by the returning technician.

Furthermore, we have discovered new frontiers of spiritual forces as well as material value in our rural communities. The aeroplane has made the whole world neighbor to this rural community. We like this; for we in Mississippi are indeed a neighborhood people. The radio brings Bach, Beethoven, and parliamentary debate to the Mississippi farm fireside. This has caused the stirring of a great human force, an inner type, a high aspiration within the hearts of our people. Who could give better interpretation and direction to this upsurging human force than the soldier who went forth to the ends of the earth in defense of those principles upon which the more abundant life is founded, and toward which our people now strive.

Yes, Mississippi has prepared against the day of her soldiers' return. Provision has been made for educational opportunity, or for a job on farm or in factory.

If he wishes to rest a while, and take a bit of recreation before returning to work, there is unlimited sunshine, shade, and soft breezes. The fields with their quail, dove, and cotton-tail await him. The forests with the squirrel, the fox, the possum, and the coon; and the lakes and streams with goggle-eyed perch, green trout, and big-mouthed black bass bid him rig his tackle. Then, there is the thrill of the open Gulf with a fair wind, a white sail, and a trim craft with a bone in her teeth. A heavy duty sea-reel, a stout line, and a silver spoon offer him the chance to hook a Silver King tarpon which will make him think he has snagged a P-38 in a power dive!

Finally, if he wants to get married and settle down, or go on a second honeymoon—well, "Many a maiden fair is waiting here to greet her truant soldier lover." Yes, there's a "Mississippi Miss who has been

Pennsylvania Looks Forward With Confidence

By Governor Edward Martin

Proud of its progress and achievements in the past and of its vast contribution to the war effort, Pennsylvania looks forward to the post-victory years with complete confidence that it will offer energetic and ambitious service men and women full opportunity to earn a living and to carve out a successful career.

During this global conflict to preserve civilization, Pennsylvania has been keenly conscious of its obligation to those in the armed services of our Nation whose heroism and sacrifice is bringing us each day nearer to decisive and final victory. Every department and agency of our state government is working on plans which have for their objective the creation and development of employment for everyone who wants to work at wages adequate to maintain the American standard of living.

Two Fields

This effort is divided into two principal fields:
First: We are doing everything

possible to stimulate and encourage industrial enterprise; we are promoting scientific research into new materials and new processes; we are searching out methods for the greater utilization of the products of our mines, our farms and our forests; and we are working for the expansion of markets for the goods we produce.

Second: We are preparing a program of state-wide public works projects which will provide employment for many during, and for some years beyond, the period of transition from wartime production to a peacetime economy.

In addition to the projects to be undertaken by the state government, aid is being given to political subdivisions in the organization of municipal public works which will comprise a great reservoir of employment and, also, will add to the future welfare of our citizens for many years to come.

In every phase of our planning activity we have enlisted the earnest and thorough cooperation of industry, labor, agriculture and government. The answer to our post-war problems cannot be provided by governmental action, whether in Washington or in Harrisburg. We recognize the fact that government can help but that the heavy weight of responsibility rests upon the energy, the initiative and the enterprise of our citizens to evaluate the resources

ply, and other matters pertinent to their future business expansion. In addition, the state administration has brought about economies in the cost of government and is now engaged in a sweeping survey to bring about greater savings to further reduce the heavy burden imposed on the taxpayers by vast federal expenditures.

The state's public works projects are based on the long-range needs of the state in highway development, soil conservation, reforestation, the purification of our rivers, low cost housing, improved sewage disposal, increased recreational facilities, etc. In addition, the public educational system has launched a comprehensive program of vocational training for the rehabilitation and adjustment of returned service men and the retraining of workers in war plants.

Pennsylvania was one of the first states to authorize the establishment of a post-war planning commission. This is the agency by which all public works financed by the state will be coordinated and supervised in the most effective, business-like manner. The State Aeronautics Commission is pushing forward plans for the construction of new airports and expansion of existing airfields in all parts of the state, so that Pennsylvania will be in a position to benefit from the vast expansion of aviation which will follow the end of the war.

By legislative enactment, provisions of the Civil Service system have been suspended so that those now in the armed services will be able to participate in competition for state positions upon their return. In some positions, authority has been given for honorably discharged service men to receive credits and preference in appointment and promotion.

Help Veterans

The Pennsylvania Veterans' Service Committee is functioning now and is helping veterans in their return to civilian life. Under the direction of this committee, 563 information centers are operating in all parts of the state to give guidance to veterans in getting jobs or benefits provided for them by law. Local veterans' service committees have been organized in 253 communities, assuring adequate facilities for every service man seeking advice.

Pennsylvania is fortunate in the diversification and stability of its long-established industries. To a large extent they were able to swing into wartime production without major dislocations. These industries, for the most part, will likewise be able to return to the needs of peacetime economy without many of the difficulties which will arise in other sections.

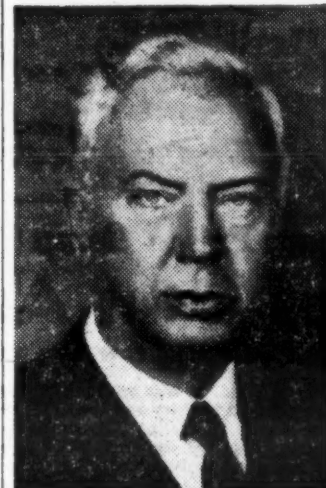
Furthermore, Pennsylvania is richly endowed with natural resources. We have the raw materials in abundance. Our workers constitute a great reservoir of highly developed skills. We are in the center of the world's greatest domestic market, and at the crossroads of the greatest transportation network on earth.

Pennsylvania ranks first in 40 important industries. This Commonwealth is the largest producer of iron and steel products in the United States. It leads all other states in mineral production. Ninety-nine per cent of our nation's anthracite is dug from Pennsylvania mines and we are second in bituminous coal output.

The agricultural areas of Pennsylvania are among the most fertile in the country, with an investment in farms, livestock and equipment exceeding \$1,125,000,000. At the same time, almost one-half of the state's area is covered by forests, a source of tremendous wealth for future generations.

In other words, Pennsylvania has everything to insure the welfare and prosperity of its citizens, based on the same elements which have contributed to its greatness in the past.

Pennsylvania is prepared to meet the challenge of the future and offers service men and women unlimited opportunities for the profitable application of their talents, their intelligence and their energy when the war is won and we return to the happier pursuits of peace.



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and skills which are available in each community or region and to determine the most effective way to translate these resources into productive activity.

Attract Industry

Pennsylvania's program for the post-war period was given great impetus in the 1943 session of the State Legislature, which enacted far-reaching tax reductions for the purpose of attracting new industry into the state and to encourage the expansion of existing business enterprises. This was an important factor in the decision of some of the largest manufacturing firms in other states to establish branch plants in Pennsylvania, and inquiries have been received from many others seeking information as to locations, labor sup-

missing you," soldier. Remember, in spite of our new technology, we still have the honeysuckle and the magnolias, and the mocking-bird warbles his sweetest melodies to his sleepy mate in the moonlight. Mississippi definitely is honeymoon country!

Doesn't that just about wrap up your post-war package, Joe? Don't you believe that you will find in Mississippi just what you have been fighting for? In the words of our Mississippi poet, Irwin Russell: "There's Ole Mississippi jes over de fence."

What runs aroun' Heaven's circumference?

We'll bring you back heah, de las' one ob de batch.

We'll treat you like gent'mun and give you a patch.

Why, dat's de Merlineum, dat's what it am.

And you is de lion and us is de lamb."



"Straighten those shoulders! How long have you been in the Army?"

Immunizing Of Troops Ko's Old Man Lockjaw

WASHINGTON—Tetanus, or lockjaw, a serious and often fatal disease that is likely to attack men who suffer battle wounds or other injuries, has been virtually eliminated in the American Armed Forces as a result of compulsory immunization of all officers and men, the War Department announced Thursday.

Maj. Gen. Norman T. Kirk, Surgeon General of the Army, stated that not a single case of tetanus has been reported among completely vaccinated troops. There has been a handful of cases throughout the entire Army, but these occurred only when the immunization process had not been completed. In some instances men developed tetanus before they had been vaccinated.

The Navy, which also requires tetanus immunization, has had no cases of the disease among sailors or Marines wounded in combat up to September 15, 1944, according to the Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery.

American troops in the last war

Prizes Offered By Hallcrafters Co.

CHICAGO, Ill.—Two hundred dollars per month in cash prizes are offered to servicemen by the Hallcrafters Company, radio manufacturers, for the best letters relating to their equipment.

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General Lear Visits Butner

CAMP BUTNER, N. C.—Ceremonies, parades, inspections and a banquet were the order of the day at Camp Butner as Lt. Gen. Ben Lear, Commander of Army Ground Forces, visited the 89th Infantry Division.

General Lear was accompanied by Maj. Gen. Slavin and Lt. Col. Rodionov, who were among the representatives of the Soviet Government at the Dumbarton Oaks conference. Also in the party were 23 AGF officers.

Claim They First Served Ice Cream To GIs in France

HEADQUARTERS EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS—Sgt. Ruffe Lautzenhiser, Hobart, Ind., and Sgt. Carl H. Wegrich, Terre Haute, Ind., cooks for the first Transportation Corps railway unit to begin operations in Normandy, claim to be the first to serve old-fashioned American ice cream on the continent.

While other railroaders were packing large cakes of ice made in a French ice plant for use in refrigerator cars, the cooks scraped together enough small pieces to freeze their almost-forgotten dish.

Members of the rail battalion are behind the cooks in their disagreement with Stars and Stripes, which recently stated that army-made ice cream "is not available on the Continent."

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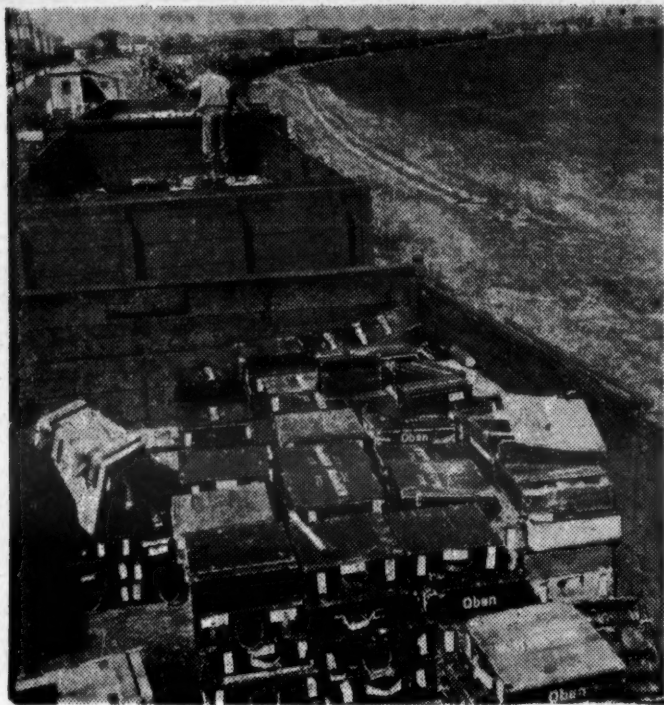
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Aeronca Has Plan to Help Airmen in Postwar Business

MIDDLETOWN, Ohio — A wide-scale postwar plan embracing both aircraft sales and the development of service organizations with an emphasis on the rehabilitation of servicemen by encouraging them to enter the business, has been launched by the Aeronca Corporation here.

With the idea that returned airmen and wartime aircraft workers are best equipped to carry on post-war aviation, the company has adopted a creed: "We will show young people how to get started in the aviation business and go as far as their energy and ability will take them."

Aeronca has put Alfred B. Bennet, its sales director, a former light-plane distributor, with long flying experience, in charge of its new program. Three booklets have been prepared dealing with the situation from an air operator's point of view, a dealer's standpoint, and from the plane-owner's position. For prospective airfield owners the company will scout territory, determine the advisability of land for a field, make population studies and undertake other business surveys.

The company has suggested three

types of planes which appear to have the greatest commercial possibilities for postwar operation. These are: a low-powered training-type craft, to sell at approximately \$1,000; a medium-price, medium-performance type, available in two- four, or five-place models, to list at from \$1,500 to \$3,000, and a modernized version of the pre-war two-place low-wing type for persons who demand maximum performance, to sell at around \$2,000. New models, the company stated, will be available as soon as conditions permit.

'Big Shots' Fall For Soldier Hoax

PHILADELPHIA—The Army won't identify him, but this GI Joe certainly adopted an ingenious method to replenish his bankroll.

Posing as a millionaire, the youth wrote to notables saying he was about to launch a new yacht, planned on giving it "the victim's" name, and requesting an autographed photo for the stateroom.

Such as Winston Churchill, Rudyard Kipling, Marshal Foch, Lord David Beatty, von Ludendorff, Raymond Poincare and many other "big shots" fell for the hoax. Collection of signatures and photos will be suctioned off next Friday.

Just Like Movies

BUSHNELL GENERAL HOSPITAL, Utah.—When Lt. Stillman Harding, winner of the Distinguished Flying Cross, arrived here for treatment of wounds received during a bombing mission over Austria, he found that his wife, a cadet nurse in training, had been assigned to his ward.

It was just like the movies. The officer was flown here from a medical installation at Naples, Italy, and is now receiving specialized treatment for his injuries. He had been overseas six months.

Only Wholesale Jap Killings To End War In East, Doughboy Says

WASHINGTON—"The Japs will take plenty of killing."

Back from the Southwest Pacific where he received a bullet wound in the left shoulder, Pvt. Lawrence V. Cox, Infantryman from Glenville, W. Va., is convinced only wholesale killings will end the war in the East. He is recovering in Walter Reed Hospital.

"When I first went over with my division I tried to figure the Japs

out," he said. "Then, I simply gave up. They are like animals and, like any animal pest, just have to be destroyed. There's a lot of talk about the Japs dying for honor or the Emperor but all the boys know that is all hooey—they are desperate and they fight and die that way."

"My outfit has met them all, the little guys and the big guys. A Jap is a good soldier if he knows he outnumbers you ten to one, or if he

is firing from a well-concealed position. But he doesn't want to die.

Masters at Camouflage

"That's why Japs are masters of camouflage. They set up shop for killing and know very well that their only hope lies in not being found when we overrun their positions. It's our job to find them and exterminate them and every American soldier does that methodically. They are hard to find and they kill plenty of Americans while the search is on. But once they're found, they are easy to kill."

"Take the Jap with the bayonet; he has made a religion of practice with the bayonet and wherever we go we find his masks and pads. The Jap relies on one thing, the hook on his bayonet, to snare you so that some pal of his can stick you. That doesn't work with the Infantryman because of our style of bayonet fighting."

"In the Infantry we bang and slam and let him do the prancing. While he is being fancy, he finds an M1 butt in his face and while he is going down, he feels the steel in his ribs. Like anyone else he yells then, for help or mercy."

Handpicked Big Guys

"In our last landing we went in against the Imperial Marines. Big fellows, those guys. They're all handpicked and they were veterans of the Philippines and China. We thought of how they acted in both those places and then we went in against them."

"We cut them up with our bayonets, blazed them out with our bullets and slugged them with our rifle butts. They were two to one against us but they broke and ran. When they run, they run faster than any other soldier. That's the only thing in which Tojo can claim superiority. Then we have to search them out as we advance."

"In my last campaign they had everything. Big fellows, they were waiting for us with everything in the book. They had artillery and their machineguns well dug in. They threw everything at us. We came on through and got in close. With a five-to-one advantage, the odds were still too much. They ran, and when they did they knocked each other down in their hurry."

"They'll take a lot of killing. But that's something they understand—just about the only thing they understand. Otherwise they're just murderous and brutal."

Private Cox entered the Army two years ago and received his Infantry division training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Mules Are Gold-Brickers But Perform Great Jobs In Italy

WASHINGTON.—Mules will always be regarded somewhat affectionately by Pvt. Vincent Balsama, who served in Sicily as a machine-gunner with the 45th Infantry Division. He is now receiving treatment in Walter Reed General Hospital here for a shell fragment wound in the right shoulder.

For many dreary weeks in the mountain fighting in Italy, mules brought him food and ammunition, both needed to keep an Infantryman alive among the freezing, battle-marked rocks. And when he was wounded and weak from the exhaustion of long fighting, it was a mule that brought him from the hill crags to an aid station in the Voltorno Valley.

"Good old mules," he recalled. "They were dirty, rotten-tempered, lazy and unpredictable. But day after day they made the trip to our fighting positions over hills where a man could only crawl. They slithered and fell and hee-hawed in bad temper all the way. They carried huge loads and had contempt for artillery and mortar barrages."

Mules Cautious Carriers

Telling how he was wounded, the fighting Infantryman continued:

"When I was hit we had left our machinegun position and the entire squad was crowded into a hollow for our rations. We were all thin and hungry and cold."

"A German shell landed right in the hollow and we were all knocked

down. Three were killed and eight of us were wounded. Infantry first aid men came to us right away but they knew they could never take us down from our gun emplacement. They thought of the mules."

"The mules saw us being bundled in baskets for their backs and they started complaining like the worst gold brickers in the Army until they stopped in front of the aid station and we were taken from them. But for every step of the way down they were careful and sure-footed."

"When the boys gave them some of the canned ration sugar as a reward for a job well done, they gobbled the sugar and when they couldn't get more set up a yammering that could be heard miles away. It was all music to my ears that day."

Nazis Pop Kettle And Blast Feast

WASHINGTON—Though it didn't seem so funny at the time, Pvt. Stanley Popow, of Philadelphia, now recuperating at Walter Reed Hospital from battle wounds received on the Italian front, says he gets a laugh out of an incident that occurred during the Anzio fighting.

"We found some potatoes and emptied the squad's C-rations for one meal into a big kettle which we put in an old house to heat. When we were ready to eat, one of the men went in after the kettle, but before he got off the front step he heard an SS shell whistling."

"He knew it was going to land pretty close, so he hit the dirt, leaving the kettle on the step. The shell hit all right and filled the kettle full of holes."

"We went without dinner that day."

Army Personnel Can Now Wear New Olive Drab Wool Jacket

WASHINGTON—Army personnel in the United States have been authorized to wear, at their option, a new olive drab wool jacket in lieu of the service coat, the War Department announces.

The jacket already has been issued to American soldiers in the European Theater of Operations. Although it is now authorized for wear in this country, it will not be issued for the time being to enlisted men in the continental United States.

Heretofore, Army personnel who had been wearing the jacket overseas and who have returned to this country were under the necessity of obtaining service coats, since the jacket was not authorized for wear in the United States.

The jacket will be worn with the same insignia as are prescribed or authorized for the officers' and enlisted men's service coats.

The wool jacket is not to be confused with the field jacket of wind-resistant, water-repellant, cotton cloth. The latter jacket, as in the past, is authorized for wear at posts, camps and stations when authorized by the commanding general of those installations, but is not to be worn outside posts, camps and stations unless on maneuvers or a mission to which it is appropriate, and then only by authorization of the commanding general.

The new wool jacket for enlisted men is of wool serge, 18- to 22-ounce material, in olive drab shade No. 33.

First Paris Wedding

WITH U. S. FORCES IN FRANCE —First wedding of an American soldier in France since its liberation took place on September 13, when Maj. William Dee Ritchie, of Pine Bluff, was married to Miss Evelyn Jean Orcutt, of Detroit, American Red Cross worker in France.

the same as the enlisted men's service coat. The jacket for officers may be of the same cloth as for enlisted men, or of any of the fabrics authorized for officers' winter service coat in olive drab shade No. 51 (dark shade).

Latest Information on Leave in AR 615-275

WASHINGTON—Latest information and regulations on furloughs, passes, extensions and related subjects are contained in AR 615-275, 2 Sept. 44, titled "Enlisted Men—Authorized Absence." Classes of furloughs described include ordinary, pre-embarkation, emergency, holiday, religious, convalescent, overseas service, re-enlistment and retirement. The annual basis on which to grant furloughs is stated as follows: "Furloughs may be granted to enlisted men on the basis of 30 days a year, plus such additional brief periods as may be necessary in emergencies or to cover travel time."

McNair Plaque Fund Is Being Raised

WASHINGTON—A fund for the purchase of a bronze plaque in memory of the late Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair, former commanding general, Army Ground Forces, is being raised. Contributions of not over 25 cents each are invited from officers of the Ground Forces.

The plaque will be placed in the Army War College. It will be three feet by four feet in size, made of bronze. Contributions should be sent to the Custodian, General McNair Plaque Fund, Headquarters, Army Ground Forces, Army War College, Washington 25, D. C.



—Pvt Chas. Cartwright, ASFTC, Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.

"Hey, Joel Where'd we get this plasma?"



Signal Corps Photo

FIRST American wedding in France since D-Day was that of Lt. Mary I. Hammond, Army Nurse Corps, of East Brady, Pa., and Capt. Daniel M. Pick, M. C., of West Bend, Wis. They are shown in an Army car leaving the cathedral in Rheims, where ceremony was performed.

Bound For Front To Present Award, Gen. Wharton Killed

EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS.—The death of Brig. Gen. James E. Wharton by enemy action on Aug. 12, a few hours after he had assumed command of an infantry division fighting in France, was disclosed.

The 49-year-old General, who was born in Elk, N. Mex., was the victim of a German sniper.

General Wharton, accompanied by his chief of staff and another officer, had gone to the front to meet one of his regimental commanders whom he was to decorate with a Silver Star. The party left its vehicle because of crudely placed German mines in the road. While walking toward the prearranged meeting place, General Wharton was wounded by a sniper who fired from a clump of trees about 100 yards away.

The regimental commander who was to receive the decoration arrived a moment later and, with the rest of the party, remained in a position exposed to sniper and artillery fire to remove the wounded General. General Wharton died en route to a hospital.

General Wharton was commission-

ed as a second lieutenant of Infantry in the Officers' Reserve Corps in 1917. He went into the Regular Army the same year and was promoted to first lieutenant. Since then he had served in the Philippines, at many Army Posts in the United States and had held several assignments with the War Department in Washington. He was promoted to brigadier general on March 16, 1942.

Walls Stand Up, But Krauts Fall

WITH THE THIRD DIVISION, FRANCE.—The Twentieth Century came off second best recently when a modern 155-mm. howitzer failed to crash through the walls of a Seventeenth Century castle. The outer walls of the medieval castle proved to be a little too tough for the modern weapon.

The Yank artillerymen, however, had no reason to be ashamed of their gun, for they caused the surrender of 147 Germans, which was their objective. The 61 shells they threw into the ancient fortress, all direct hits, unnerved the Krauts who, when the shelling ceased for a minute, raised the white flag as their surrender ticket.

Gomon Is Winner In Tennis Finals

CAMP CAMPBELL, Ky.—In finals for the Camp Campbell table tennis championship, Pfc. Howard Gomon, Company "C," 68th Armored Infantry Battalion, 14th Armored Division, defeated Cpl. Ivan Laric, Headquarters, 1539th Service Unit, 21-18, 21-5.

Before the final match was played, Gomon and Laric challenged Pvt. Sol Schiff, five times National Champion and twice World Doubles Champion. The result was an exhibition of trick shots and strictly professional play, with Schiff walking off with honors, 21-10.

Glee Club Is Popular

FORT MCLELLAN, Ala.—Featured at concerts in adjacent cities is the newly organized 16th Area Men's Glee Club of the First Regiment, under the direction of its organizer, Cpl. Rollin D. Reese, Chaplain's assistant and organist.

Infantry's Rough For Oldster, But Makes Him Proud

WASHINGTON.—Thirty-six-year-old Infantryman Pvt. George W. Fogle, of York, Pa., had a tough time keeping up with the younger doughboys in his outfit, but he was right in the thick of the Normandy fighting with the 4th Infantry Division until the day he was wounded. "Life in the Infantry's rough," said Private Fogle, now a patient at Walter Reed General Hospital. "I'm pretty old for the front lines and some days I had a heck of a time keeping up with the young men. But I'm glad I had a chance to do my bit with Infantry. Makes a guy feel kind of proud to be a doughboy."

Mess Sergeant Gets Ice Cream To His Men Right in Their Foxholes

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, Italy.—S/Sgt. Tom Tasa of Minneapolis, mess sergeant in a 34th Infantry Division regiment, is one of the most popular men on the entire Fifth Army front in Italy. He makes it possible for his infantrymen to have ice cream, almost daily, even while they are on the front lines.

In a liberated Italian town, Ser-

British Will Pay Troops Bonus For War Against Japs

WASHINGTON.—With an announcement that partial demobilization of British armed forces will begin with the defeat of Germany, a British white paper disclosed Sept. 2 that pay raises were given to all ranks. Also additional bonuses, ranging as high as \$15 a week, will be given to men who serve against Japan.

The white paper said that the draft of men will continue after the fall of Germany to supply manpower for the war against Japan.

Governor Host To Camp Butner Vets

CAMP BUTNER, N. C.—More than 50 overseas veterans now at this EPRC were recent guests of Gov. and Mrs. J. M. Broughton at the Governor's Mansion at Raleigh.

The party was part of the home entertainment program sponsored by the townspeople of Raleigh and Durham. Parties at the Mansion will be held each month for Camp Butner personnel.

While the Governor and Lt. Col. Robert C. Hanes, commander of the EPRC, discussed the work being done at the Camp Butner center, Mrs. Broughton took many of the veterans over the ground floor of the mansion, telling them the historical value of many of the prized possessions that abound.

Named To Direct Fort Richardson

HEADQUARTERS, ALASKAN DEPARTMENT.—Brig. Gen. R. E. Mittelstaedt a veteran of the war in the Pacific, has been appointed Commanding General of Fort Richardson to succeed Brig. Gen. John N. Robinson. It was announced recently by Lt. Gen. Delos C. Emmons' Alaskan Department headquarters.

Prior to his arrival in Alaska, General Mittelstaedt served 22 months overseas, in Hawaii and the South and Southwest Pacific theaters.

First Chaplains' Class Graduates at Devens

FORT DEVENS, Mass.—The chief of chaplains, Chaplain (Brig. Gen.) William R. Arnold, addressed the 150 members of the first graduating class of the Chaplain School here Wednesday.

The Chaplain School, Chaplain Corps, moved to Fort Devens from Harvard University, Cambridge, after the graduation of its 24th class last month.

The school commandant, Chaplain (Col.) William D. Cleary, presented the diplomas.

Sergeant At Blanding Tells Of Nazi Torture

CAMP BLANDING, Fla.—1st Sgt. Siegfried Feld, of the Infantry Replacement Training Center, knows why we fight. He spent 11 months in the nightmare of Nazi concentration camps, and bears on his hands and wrists their permanent mark.

For nearly a year, Feld took all the Gestapo could give in two of its prize prisons—Dachau and Buchenwald—and the Nazis gave plenty.

Life as a Nazi prisoner meant months without sufficient food (one meal of bread and soup a day); long

nights in crowded, dirty, cold quarters; unending days of labor in broiling sun or winter snow; inhuman torture. One time, Sergeant Feld was strung up in mid air—arms pinioned behind his back, wire-like ropes attached to his hands and wrists. The imprint of that is with him still.

Typus Deaths 80 Daily

When typus hit the camp of 10,000 anti-Nazis, 80 men died daily. Medical care was as bad and as scant as possible.

It was April 27, 1938, a couple of months after Hitler's seizure of Austria, that Feld was arrested "for investigation." No reason was ever given for his arrest; no investigation was ever conducted. While he was in prison, his business, his property and his money were confiscated.

He was not released until all his worldly goods were gone and relatives in the U. S. had sent both money and papers to bring him to America. He landed in Cuba in the spring of 1939 and came to the U. S. a year later.

In February, 1941, he was inducted into the Army. When IRTC was established here in August last year, he was the first non-com to arrive for duty.

Sergeant Feld's brother, Stanislaus, who spent months in a French internment camp after fleeing from Austria, is now in the 87th Mountain Infantry and has seen active service in Alaska and Kiska.

Make Swing Band from Scrap

LONGVIEW, Tex.—Capt. Carl C. Carrico, Medical Corps, who recently joined the staff of Harmon General Hospital here, tells of his musical Medical Clearing Unit in Sicily which concocted a swing band out of scraps and held jam sessions behind the lines during off-duty hours to entertain patients in hospitals and troops in rest camps.

A washtub pierced with a three-foot pole and strung with leather laces served as a bull fiddle. The

mandolin was made from a "K" ration box with real wires from a wrecked piano. A duplicate of this instrument was made into a violin by the addition of a bow—a stick strung with hairs pulled from a horse's tail.

No band being complete without a drum, a five-gallon gasoline can was filled with sand until the proper depth "boom" was obtained.

The accordion presented a problem, but the medical soldiers borrowed a real "squeeze box" from an officer.

Induction Station At Forrest Discontinued

CAMP FORREST, Tenn.—Camp Forrest's Armed Forces Induction Station has come to an end officially, processing the last of its 140,000 men, according to Maj. Otto D. Doehler, commanding officer.

The station had been in existence over three years and during that period handled most of the selectees of the Tennessee draft boards.

Name Colonel Wampler

CAMP ATTERBURY, Ind.—Col. Welton M. Modisette, Post Commander and commanding officer of the War Department Personnel Center, has announced Col. Bert S. Wampler will be in command of the Separation Center here, one of the 13 authorized for the country.

Light Soldier Vote Indicated By Talks With GIs

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, IN NEW GUINEA.—Chats with American soldiers here indicate a wide lack of interest in the Presidential elections and that many will not vote at all.

One reason for this is that they are thousands of miles from home and in what seems to many like a different world. Another is that they have received little information on which to base a decision.

The fighting men have been kept informed about world military events, but they have little knowledge of the political situation at home, or what the President or Governor Dewey have been saying.

One MP, who was in sight of a law degree when he entered the Army, said he was not familiar enough with the issues to vote, and that most of the men of his battalion felt the same way.

Information from other theaters indicates that similar conditions prevail there and that in consequence the vote of overseas soldiers is likely to be very light.

GI Whirl

By Joe Wilson



"Soldier, are you sure there is nothing I can do for you?"



MEMBERS of an Infantry unit plot mortar fire from in front of a doorway in Luneville, France. At right is Lt. Norman A. Miller, of Des Moines, Ia., receiving phone message, while Sgt. Halbert D. Debrowski, of New Jersey, awaits instructions.

Paratroopers Hold Off Two German Divisions In France

HEADQUARTERS, 82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION, NORMANDY—Several hours before H-Hour on D-Day, hundreds of paratroopers floated into France for the first attack on the enemy on the continent of Europe.

Dropping from the skies with camouflaged parachutes, the men, members of an infantry regiment of

the 82nd Airborne Division, floated down over the Cotentin peninsula into action. Their job was to prevent German forces from reaching the beachhead and to clear the way for our ground troops who were following closely behind.

Most of the fighters from this regiment landed in an area around Chef du Pont and some met machine-gun fire before they hit the ground. There was sporadic mortar fire, too, but somewhat inaccurate. Snipers were all about. The paratroopers fell everywhere—in water, swamps and trees—and almost very man found himself face to face with the enemy, exchanging fire. For nearly 34 hours the men were in constant contact with the foe.

Two strong German divisions were prevented from interfering with our ground assault forces until the beach landings had been accomplished and the beaches secured. To achieve this, the regiment captured the town of Ste. Mere Eglise, held bridges over two rivers—the Merderet at La Fiere and at Chef du Pont and the Douve at Pont l'Abbe and at Beuzeville la Bastille.

A large pocket of Allied resistance within the enemy lines was set up. It stretched from Ste. Mere on the east to St. Sauveur le Vicomte on the west, and from Le Ham on the north, almost to La Haye de Puits on the south.

Nothing could stop the troops in establishing this position. It was done without relief or replacements. Every mission was accomplished and no ground gained was ever relinquished.

Battles Three Nazi Tanks With Ga His Bazooka; Hero Slays Score Co

WASHINGTON—Complete citation for the Medal of Honor presented 2nd Lt. Van T. Barfoot, Infantry, Carthage, Miss., by Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch in France on Thursday, Sept. 28, was announced by the War Department.

Citation for the Medal of Honor follows:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of life above and beyond the call of duty on May 23, near Carano, Italy. With his pla-

toon heavily engaged during an assault against forces well entrenched on commanding ground, Sergeant Barfoot (he was then a technical sergeant) moved off alone upon the enemy left flank. He crawled to the proximity of one machinegun nest and made a direct hit on it with a hand grenade, killing two and wounding three Germans. He continued along the German defense line to another machinegun emplacement, and with his tommy gun killed two

and captured three soldiers. Members of another enemy machinegun crew then abandoned their position and gave themselves up to Sergeant Barfoot. Leaving the prisoners for his support squad to pick up, he proceeded to mop up positions in the immediate area, capturing more prisoners and bringing his total count to 17.

Fights Tanks With Bazooka

Later that day after he had reorganized his men and consolidated the newly captured ground, the enemy launched a fierce armored counterattack, directly at his platoon positions. Securing a bazooka, Sergeant Barfoot took up an exposed position directly in front of three advancing Mark VI tanks. From a distance of 75 yards his first shot destroyed the track of the leading tank, effectively disabling it, while the other two changed direction toward the flank. As the crew of the disabled tank dismounted, Sergeant Barfoot killed three of them with his tommy gun. He continued onward into enemy terrain and destroyed a recently abandoned German field piece with a demolition charge placed in the breach. While returning to his platoon position, Sergeant Barfoot, though greatly fatigued by his herculean efforts, assisted two of his seriously wounded men 1,700 yards to a position of safety. Sergeant Barfoot's extraordinary heroism, demonstration of magnificent valor and aggressive determination in the face of point-blank fire are a perpetual inspiration to his fellow soldiers.

Besides the Medal of Honor, Lieutenant Barfoot wears the Purple Heart, the Combat Infantryman Badge and the Silver Star.

He won the Silver Star for action on Dec. 9-10, 1943, near Pozzilli, Italy, when he knocked out three enemy machinegun nests. He discovered the nests when he was guiding a night reconnaissance party. He attacked one nest with his submachinegun and killed both members of its crew. Another he silenced with a hand grenade. The following night he destroyed the third nest, killing three enemy and capturing two.

Lieut. McCaffrey Is Awarded DSC

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, Italy—2nd Lt. Richard E. McCaffrey, of Frankfort, Ind., who recently received a battlefield commission, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and was decorated by Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark, Fifth Army Commander.

Lieutenant McCaffrey received the DSC citation when, as a sergeant in the machinegun platoon, he used a bazooka, normally a two-man weapon to kill two Germans and force two others to flee. Then, armed only with a rifle, he held off a 20-man enemy detail to permit his section to maneuver into position.

Veteran of 28 months overseas with the 34th "Red Bull" Infantry Division, Lieutenant McCaffrey previously had been awarded the Bronze Star for heroism in combat.

Nazis Dish It Out But Can't Take It

WASHINGTON—The British radio Monday quoted a Stuttgart newspaper as writing this about the war, now that it has reached Germany: "There is nobody who would not be glad if the war stopped. Nor can anybody maintain that the flame of war enthusiasm is burning vigorously. In former times wars could be stopped whenever one opponent wanted it."

"Is there not more than enough misery and grief and has not enough blood been shed?"

The British broadcast was recorded by the Office of War Information.

Dig Well in Jig Time

WITH U. S. ARMY FORCES ON GUADALCANAL—When a water tower, which was supplying a hospital on this steamy, dusty island, was running dry, members of an Engineers Corps Water Supply Company in 34 hours dug a well which produces 200 gallons of water a minute—12,000 gallons an hour.

Medic Wheels Wounded Child From Front In Baby Carriage

WITH THE SEVENTH ARMY, France—Buddies of Pvt. Roy M. Lineback, of Tobaccoville, N. C., were ready to chalk him up as a battle-shock case when the 3rd "Marne" Division medics man wheeled a baby carriage into a battalion aid station in the midst of the fierce, house-to-house battle for a town in southern France.

Inside the carriage lay a six-months-old baby girl, who looked odd, to say the least, wrapped in light pink and blue blankets amid a grimy batch of German and American soldiers. The baby had a piece of mortar shrapnel in her back, which was promptly taken care of

by the aid boys. "She was a model patient," they said.

"I was down the street where that shooting's going on," explained Private Lineback, "when a French woman rushes up and says her baby is in that house the Jerries are knocking the rafters off: The baby is wounded, she says."

"So I went after the little made-moiselle. The wound hadn't affected her lungs any, so I had no trouble finding her. The carriage made a perfect litter."

"I've brought back GI's and Krauts and even French partisans, but never anything like this. Shucks, I wish I'd found out her name."

GI Joe Wanted To Bake A Cake; He Made USO Mouths Water

NORMAN, Okla.—Attendants at the Main Street USO here had a new experience the other day when a sailor walked in and said he wanted to bake a cake—a devil's food cake.

He said he had wheedled the recipe from a cook at his base and was eager to try it.

He wanted a broom—to get a straw

to test when the cake was done, and measured out the soda, the exact amount, on a postal scale. The cake should be done about five o'clock, he announced.

At 4:30 there was a smell of smoke coming from the kitchen. He was standing there calmly, in a cloudy mist.

"Nothing to worry about," he said. "It's running over a bit. But it's going to be good. It keeps rising."

At five o'clock sharp he suggested: "If you'll make some coffee we'll all have coffee and cake now."

The USO staff and servicemen thoroughly enjoyed his cake which was described as "a huge, symmetrical, fine-grained devil's food, generously enveloped in a fluffy maple icing," as "an object of beauty," and as "the best cake I've ever eaten."

War Correspondent Of Red Cross Gets Award

WASHINGTON—Richard M. Day, of Kirkwood, Mo., Red Cross war correspondent, has been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action while accompanying an American landing force into action on Wake Island last May 24, the War Department has announced.

Mr. Day, a passenger in one of the landing craft in the first wave, took the wheel when the coxswain was killed by heavy enemy fire. For several minutes he steered the craft and kept it from going out of control despite the intense enemy fire that killed two other men and wounded 27 in the craft. He was relieved by one of the engine crew, who steered the boat to the shore.

Women's Council Has Anniversary Meeting

WASHINGTON—Presidents or executive heads of 36 National Women's groups, comprising the advisory council to the Women's Interests Section, War Department Bureau of Public Relations, opened a two-day conference yesterday at The Pentagon. The meeting marked the third anniversary of the formation of the Council.

The Advisory Council gives to the organized women of the country information about the Army's health, welfare, educational and religious programs, the suppression of rumors and safeguarding of military information, dependency benefits, psychological attitudes toward war casualties and many other subjects.

Colonel Host At Watermelon Feast

CAMP HOWZE, Tex.—Eyes of the enlisted staff of the 411th Infantry regimental headquarters popped when they saw five king-sized watermelons lugged into the building. Tables were moved end to end and outfitted with plates and salt shakers.

Into the scene strode Col. Donovan P. Yeuell, regimental commander. "Dig in," he told his staff, "and I don't want any leftover."

It was the easiest order to obey ever issued, the staff agreed, beaming over the feed "in appreciation of the best staff I ever had."

Dental Corps Officer Paid Tribute by Army

WASHINGTON—The naming of Rodriguez General Hospital at San Juan, Puerto Rico, in honor of the memory of Maj. Fernando E. Rodriguez, U. S. Army Dental Corps, is announced by the War Department. This is the second of the 60 Army general hospitals to have been named for a Dental Corps officer.

Major Rodriguez, who died in 1932, was one of dentistry's outstanding research scientists, pioneering in the study of the bacteriological aspects of dental diseases.

Trinity Of Joy!

CAMP BLANDING, Fla.—The three things that every soldier yearns for all came to Pfc. Lawrence Jones, of Headquarters Detachment, on last Monday.

It was pay day, he got his promotion, and was handed a furlough to his home in Plymouth, Mich.

WASHINGTON—Eleven officers and nine enlisted men have been released from a prisoner-of-war camp in Bulgaria and are now hospitalized in an American hospital at Istanbul, Turkey, the War Department announces. Next of kin have been notified.

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Gains Medal Of Honor In First Combat; Is Killed Month Later

WASHINGTON—Posthumous award of the Medal of Honor to Sgt. John Charles Squires, 19-year-old Louisville, Ky., Infantryman, who performed acts of gallantry "above and beyond the call of duty" in his first combat action last April 23, in Italy, was announced by the War Department.

Squires, a private first class at the time, was promoted to sergeant on May 20, and three days later, on May 23, was killed in action on the Anzio beachhead in Italy when the Allies started their big push towards Rome.

The medal, the Nation's highest military award, will be presented to Sergeant Squires' father, Leroy Y. Squires, in a ceremony to be announced later.

Sergeant Squires was a member of the 30th Infantry Regiment, 3d Infantry Division. On April 23, acting as platoon messenger, he volunteered for a series of dangerous missions, captured 14 German machineguns, one of which he used against the enemy, and took 21 prisoners singlehandedly.

Braved Terrible Fire

The citation recites that at the start of his company's attack on strongly-held enemy positions in and around Spaccasassi Creek, near Padiglione, Italy, Private Squires, platoon messenger, participating in his first offensive action, braved intense artillery, mortar and antitank gun fire in order to investigate the effects of an antitank mine explosion on the leading platoon.

Despite shells which burst close to him, Private Squires made his way 50 yards forward to the advance element, noted the situation, reconnoitered a new route of advance and informed his platoon leader of the casualties sustained and the alternate route.

"Acting without orders, he rounded up stragglers, organized a group of lost men into a squad and led them forward. When the platoon reached Spaccasassi Creek and established an outpost, Private Squires, knowing that almost all of the non-commissioned officers were casualties, placed eight men in position on his own volition, disregarding enemy machinegun, machine pistol and grenade fire which covered the creek draw.

Fired Enemy's Guns

"When his platoon had been reduced to 14 men, he brought up reinforcements twice. On each trip he went through barbed wire and across an enemy mine field, under intense artillery and mortar fire.

"Three times in the early morning the outpost was counterattacked. Each time Private Squires ignored withering enemy automatic fire and

Myron B. Gordon Is With Fairchild

NEW YORK—Myron B. Gordon, formerly vice-president and general manager of Wright Aeronautical Corporation and a vice-president of Curtiss-Wright Corporation, has been elected a director of Fairchild Engine and Airplane Corporation and appointed vice-president in charge of operations. J. Carlton Ward, Jr., Fairchild's president has announced.

Mr. Gordon was named secretary-treasurer of Wright Aeronautical Corporation in 1929. He became vice-president and general manager in 1935 and directed the great expansion of facilities and production of Wright engines required by the war. Among the developments he supervised were the 14 and 18-cylinder Cyclone engines, a turbine supercharger, the forged cylinder head and the adaptation of the Whirlwind engine to power many U. S. Army tanks.

Study Coal Situation

WASHINGTON—Twenty Army officers, all with long experience in the coal industry, have gone to the European Theater of Operations to assist local authorities in investigating conditions of coal mines and distribution systems in liberated and occupied territories in order that the demand on coal from the United States and the United Kingdom will be lessened.

grenades which struck all around him, and fired hundreds of rounds of rifle, Browning automatic rifle and captured German Spandau machinegun ammunition at the enemy, inflicting numerous casualties and materially aiding in repulsing the attacks.

"Following these fights he moved 50 yards to the south end of the outpost and engaged 21 German soldiers in individual machinegun duels at point-blank range, forcing

all 21 enemy to surrender and capturing 13 more Spandau guns.

Born May 19, 1925, in Louisville, Sergeant Squires was the youngest of three brothers in service. Cpl. Leroy Squires, 23, and Pvt. Stevens Squires, 21, are in the Army in Italy.

Sergeant Squires received his training at the Infantry Replacement Training Center, Fort McClellan, Ala. He went overseas last January to join the Third Infantry Division.

Cat-And-Mouse Fire Game Has Germans Dizzy; 54 Surrender

WITH THE THIRD DIVISION, France.—It wasn't news to Maj. Paul T. Rigby, an Artillery Battalion Executive Officer, that there were Germans in the vicinity of the newly established Command Post. They had moved to the top of the hill during the night and hadn't had a chance to determine the enemy's exact position. But, it was a complete surprise to Rigby to discover the next morning that they had set up less than 600 yards from the Germans. That called for action, and the Krauts got the action.

"Looking down across the clearing, I could see Germans walking to and fro," revealed Rigby. "I didn't even need field glasses to see them clearly, they were so close. I hadn't done

any observing for artillery fire since we were in Sicily, so I wandered down the hill a short ways and set up my Observation Post.

"I called for fire in one section and the Germans would scurry to another place. Then I would direct fire toward the new target. We kept up the cat-and-mouse game for some time, until finally, one Kraut had enough and came out waving a white handkerchief on a pole.

"Before he walked across the clearing, he was joined by 31 of his comrades. In all we took 54 prisoners that day. One of the last six prisoners we took was a sergeant major who had served 13 years in the German Army, including being wounded on the Russian front last year. He called it the worst day in his career."

'Berlin Off-Limits' Sign Is All Ready To Be Strung Up

WITH THE U. S. FORCES IN FRANCE.—Sign painters of an engineer camouflage battalion somewhere in France calculate that they have painted more than 15,000 signs of all types since D-Day, but they are proudest of a sign they have just "cooked up to see how it looks."

The sign, which the sign painters hope will soon be on display—offi-

cially—reads, "BERLIN—OFF LIMITS TO ALL TROOPS." Not that they enjoy painting "Off Limits" signs, say the sign painters, but they like the idea behind it, and they think that painting it now may bring good luck.

Sgt. Carl G. Schubert, of 4742 West Van Buren Street, Chicago, Ill., who painted the sign, and bosses the sign painting shop, has both American soldiers and French civilians working for him. He explains his Berlin sign this way: "Ever since D-Day we've been painting 'Off Limits' signs for various cities in France. And we always get the order a week or 10 days before the city actually falls into our hands. I figured that perhaps if I beat them to the order on the Berlin sign, something might happen quickly, to maintain our record."

Bike Riding Aids Leg-Injured GIs

CAMP ELLIS, Ill.—Bicycle riding for soldiers suffering from leg injuries is the latest innovation of the reconditioning program at the Station Hospital here, it was disclosed by Col. John S. Sullivan, camp commander.

Soldiers, recuperating from leg ailments, but not well enough for much walking, find that bike riding does not bring down the entire weight of the body but gives sufficient exercise to tone the ailing limbs. The patient benefits from the sun, the fresh air, and has lots of fun besides.

Plans are being made by Lt. William Stansbury, director of the program, for outdoor bike-picnics and camp sightseeing tours.

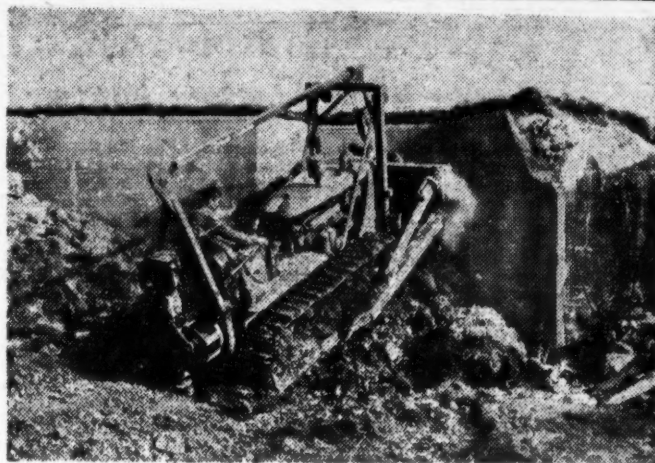
111 Did Get Him!

CAMP SHELBY, Miss.—Sgt. Clifford Sparks, of the 271st Inf., is not a "Number Rackets Fiend," but "111" has got into his hair.

Sparks picked up his shoes at the QM shoe repair shop and someone remarked: "It looks like 111 is your number. The shoe number is 111, the salvage number is 111 and the job order number is 111. You ought to play that one in some lottery, Sarge."

To which Sparks replied: "I did, that was my draft order number."

And he took his shoes and walked away.



Signal Corps Photo

BULLDOZER is used by Cpl. Peter Paul, of Wakarusa, Nebr., to clear away the debris from a shattered pillbox which was captured when advancing American forces pierced the Siegfried Line near Aachen, Germany. Engineer unit also uses bulldozers to bury pillboxes and thereby prevent night returns by enemy snipers.

417th FA Group Arrives At Fort Sill From Breckinridge

FORT SILL, Okla.—The 417th Field Artillery Group, commanded by Col. Marion P. Echols, a former instructor in the Department of Gunnery of the Field Artillery School, has arrived at Fort Sill to become part of the troops of the Field Artillery School.

The group, which came from Camp Breckinridge, Ky., includes the 764th, 765th, 766th and 767th Field Artillery battalions.

Leaving the school were the division artillery units of the 42nd (Rainbow) and 65th Infantry Divisions which returned to their home stations at Camp Gruber, Okla., and Camp Shelby, Miss., respectively.

The battalions of the 417th were formerly Coast Artillery outfits and were redesignated at a Field Artillery Group in May, 1944.

The 765th battalion is commanded by Lt. Col. Jack Forgason the 766th by Lt. Col. Ralph Hanchin, and the 767th by Maj. August Badenhop. Lt. Col. Norman E. Whitney is the commanding officer of the 764th. Capt. Howard L. Beurle, command-

ing officer of Headquarters Battery, 417th Group, was formerly an instructor in the Department of Communication of the Field Artillery School.

The Rainbow Division artillery and the 65th Division artillery came to Fort Sill in July to train with the school troops.

4 Generals Visit Oliver Hospital

OLIVER GENERAL HOSPITAL, Augusta, Ga.—Four generals have recently visited Oliver General Hospital. Maj. Gen. Norman T. Kirk, the Surgeon General, was here with Brig. Gen. Joseph F. Battley, chief of staff for service commands, and Col. Robert McDonald, of the Fourth Service Command.

On a "contact visit" were Maj. Gen. Frederick E. Uhl, commanding general of the Fourth Service Command, and his chief of staff, Brig. Gen. Sidney Erickson.



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Civil Labor In Campania Wins High Honor for General Hume

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, Italy—At a special ceremony at the Fifth Army command post in commemoration of "Salerno Day," Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark, Fifth Army commander, conferred an Oak Leaf cluster to the Distinguished Service Medal on Brig. Gen. Edgar E. Hume, chief of the allied military government section, Fifth Army.

General Hume successfully carried out one of the most extensive military government tasks ever accomplished by the United States, being charged with the government of Campania, a region of 6,000,000 inhabitants including Naples.

Despite enormous handicaps in

Naples, where the Germans had destroyed water supply, electric power sources, drains and other public utilities, had mined buildings, despoiled hospitals, dispersed the police and in general paralyzed the civil administration, General Hume, by his detail planning, was able to restore order forthwith and within a few weeks to return the city's functions almost to normal.

A threatened epidemic of typhoid fever was averted by his wise preventive measures. Our victory was thus hastened as the Army commander was free to perform purely military functions without added burden of civil government.

General Calls On Orderly And Admirers Latrine Color Scheme

FORT RILEY, Kan. — There's a private in the 90th Medical Battalion at Camp Funston on the Fort Riley reservation whose conversations may begin with, "Well, now, when the General and I discussed it on his recent visit . . ."—and it won't be just a lot of talk.

It all happened recently when a

command car drew up in the Battalion Headquarters area and a two-star general, a brigadier general, two colonels and two majors alighted.

Lieutenants and Captains were in a dither as they hurried around getting everything in order; privates started polishing up the area.

But the distinguished military visitors did not come in; in fact, they were nowhere to be found. A search was made through the Headquarters Building, class rooms, demonstration areas, supply room and motor pool. The general and his party were not in headquarters, nor in the class rooms, nor at the demonstration areas—they were in the barracks, having a talk with Pvt. Joseph Farragher, Barracks orderly for the day.

"What did we talk about?" says Private Farragher in answer to the query. "Oh, just everything. On how to mop the floor, the food they serve at the Service Club, the color scheme of the paint on the walls. The general particularly admired the tone combination of royal blue and oyster white with which we've painted the latrine." And with that, Private Farragher, throws back his shoulders, thrusts out his chin and struts away.

Col. Thompson Is Givn DSC Award

WASHINGTON—The Distinguished Service Cross was presented to Col. Paul W. Thompson, Corps of Engineers, now on duty in the Chief of Staff's Operations Division, by General George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff, in the latter's office Tuesday, the War Department announced.

Colonel Thompson was awarded the decoration for extraordinary heroism in action on D-Day, in France, when he led a volunteer group in wiping out enemy machineguns, the fire of which had pinned down assault groups, retarding an attack. Colonel Thompson was seriously wounded in this action.

Bato On The Spot

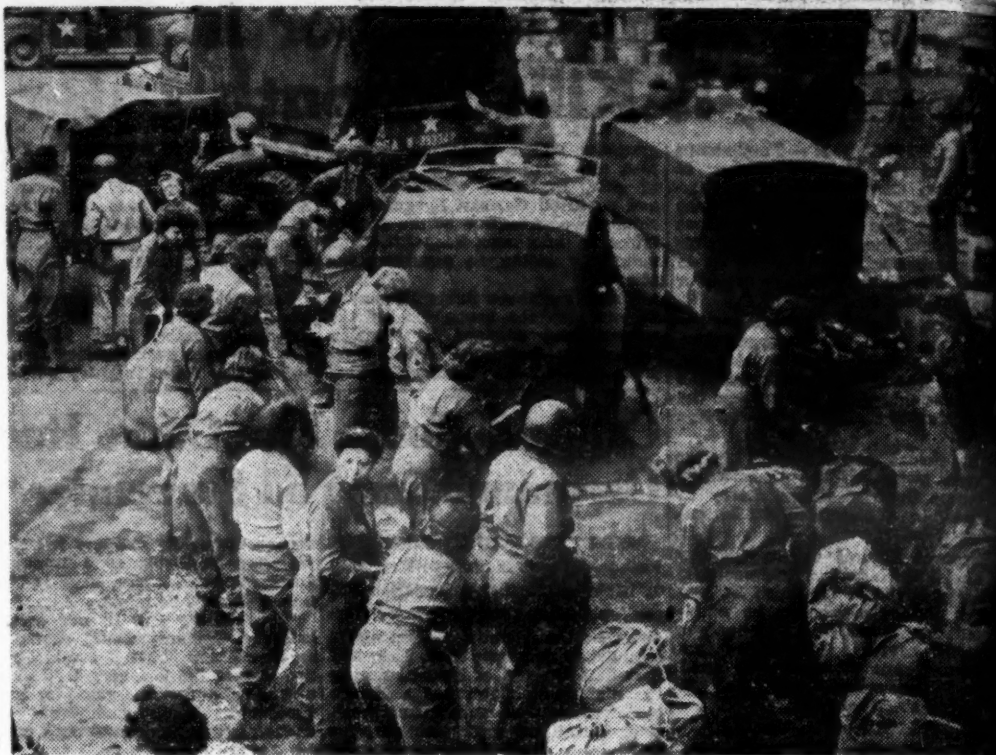
ST. LOUIS—The Hall of Fame at Cooperstown, N. Y., should make a place for the "one and only" of baseball.

Bobby Scanlon is the batboy for both the Cards and Browns, which play all their games in Sportsman's Park, and he's been "cut in" by the two clubs to get a slice of the World Series melon. Bobby's job is most unique in that it's the only city in which the two majors use the same park. Getting a whack from winners and losers, Bobby says he's "positively neutral" as to the outcome.

\$1,000 in War Bonds Offered for Ideas

CINCINNATI—To discover what GIs and civilians want their post-war radio sets to be like, Midwest Radio Corporation is offering \$1,000 in war bonds for your ideas.

All it takes to get in the contest is to write a letter of two hundred words or less on the subject "What I Want in My Postwar Radio" and mail it to Contest Editor, Midwest Radio Corp., Dept. 29A, Cincinnati 2, Ohio, and be sure it's postmarked by midnight, December 31. First prize is \$500 in war bonds; second, \$200; third, \$100, plus eight prizes of \$25, in war bonds.



Signal Corps Photo

NEWLY arrived Wacs unload their bags and check in at their destination, somewhere in France, after operating their own convoy over 400 miles from England, through Allied beachheads, and into the continent itself. The Wacs have taken up administrative and technician duties at their new station.

Army Ground Forces News

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY GROUND FORCES—A high opinion of Army Ground Forces training, organization and productive ability was expressed Monday afternoon, October 2, by Maj. Gen. N. V. Slavin, USSR, when he visited Lt. Gen. Ben Lear, Commanding General of AGF at headquarters at the Army War College.

The visit to General Lear climaxed an extensive tour of military installations in the United States by General Slavin, Assistant Chief of Staff to Marshal Vassilevski.

General Slavin, accompanied by Maj. H. Gary Schumann, U. S. Military Aide, and Col. Ilya Sarayev, acting Soviet military attache, was met at the Army War College entrance by a military escort.

On the parade grounds he inspected troops from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, commanded by Col. William N. Todd, Jr., Post Commandant.

HEADQUARTERS, FA RTC—So that every man may have a better understanding of his individual responsibilities in the war and may strengthen his efficiency as a soldier by understanding why he is fighting, the FA RTC has inaugurated a greatly expanded orientation program, designed to acquaint soldiers with the broad issues at stake in the war and up-to-the-minute news of all theaters of operations.

"B" Battery, 7th Battalion, qualified 228 men recently in carbine record firing, and incidentally rang up a new high for individual scores among FA RTC trainees. Pvt. James L. Harrison of Lenoir, N. C., left the range with a 197 out of a possible 200.

HEADQUARTERS, ANTI-AIRCRAFT COMMAND—Lt. Col. Arthur C. Smiley, Jr., GSC, has been appointed Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, this headquarters, replacing Lt. Col. Montgomery B. Raymond, CAC, who has been relieved from assignment to duty at this headquarters, and ordered to duty in the office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, Operations Division, War Department.

Brig. Gen. Joseph E. Harriman, USA, Commanding General, Anti-aircraft Replacement Training Center, Fort Bliss, Tex., visited here to confer on training matters.

Lt. Col. (Ch.) Earl D. Compton, USA, and Maj. (Ch.) William M. Frost, USA, headquarters, Anti-aircraft Command Chaplains, visited Camp Stewart, Ga., to confer with the 25 chaplains of the Anti-aircraft Artillery Training Center and Anti-aircraft Replacement Training Center.

HEADQUARTERS, ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY SCHOOL—

Climaxing more than two years of activity at Camp Davis, N. C., the Anti-aircraft Artillery School formally closed at Camp Davis, and opened concurrently at its new location, Fort Bliss, Tex.

HEADQUARTERS, THE CAVALRY SCHOOL—Lt. Col. William F. Kirby, Director of Training, Lt. Col. Vernon G. Brettman, School S-4, and Maj. Burton B. Chandler attended a conference this week at the Armored School at Fort Knox, Ky.

HEADQUARTERS, FIELD ARTILLERY SCHOOL—The Enlisted Motor Course Class No. 87 which graduated Saturday, Sept. 23, qualified 62 men as motor sergeants and nine as skilled mechanics, with the students setting the highest class average yet established.

Noteworthy was the check of the performance observation sheets, scoring the students on attitude and interest, which were much higher than average. Department of Motor officials said the determining factor in the high average of the class was the "sincere interest and desire to learn" demonstrated by the students.

HEADQUARTERS, ARMORED CENTER—Maj. Gen. Roderick R. Allen, Commanding General, 20th Armored Division, has left his command, it was announced recently by the division public relations office. Brig. Gen. Cornelius M. Daly, who formerly commanded the division's Combat Command A, has been named acting commanding general. Before assuming command of the 20th, Gen. Allen served with the 3d, 4th and 6th Armored Divisions.

Three additional changes in command were recently announced for the 20th Armored Division. Lt. Col. W. Hamilton Hunter, formerly Assistant C-2, Second Army, has assumed command of Division Trains; Col. Edwin H. J. Carns, formerly Trains Commander, has assumed command of Combat Command B; and Maj. Arthur P. Gallahan has assumed command of the 414th Armored Field Artillery Battalion.

The judges in the Armored News tank model contest have awarded two first and two second prizes, due to extremely close competition among the winning models. The two first prizes went to M/Sgt. William P. Kincaid, Communications Department, the Armored School, who submitted a model of the M-4 medium tank, and to Pfc. Harold D. Sandy, 25th Tank Battalion, 14th Armored Division, who submitted an experimental model adapted from the T-34 Russian medium tank. Two second prizes were awarded to Pvt. J. R. Fraser, 77th Tank Battalion and to Sgt. Kincaid, who submitted two tank models in the contest.

HEADQUARTERS, ARMORED SCHOOL—Lt. Col. Robert B. Dickas, Adjutant of the Armored School for the last two years, was retired from active duty last month. Col. Dickas was commissioned after graduating from an Officer Training School in the World War. After spending several years as an officer in the Civilian Conservation Corps, he returned to active duty in December, 1940. Capt. Charles B. Fischer, formerly the school's personnel officer, succeeded Col. Dickas as Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS, ARMORED REPLACEMENT CENTER—The assignment of 2d Lt. Gilbert Burnett, Jr., of the 5th Tank Battalion, 18th Armored Division, as aide-de-camp to Brig. Gen. Thomas J. Camp, Commanding General of the Armored Replacement Training Center, has been announced. Lt. Burnett entered the Army April 20, 1943, shortly after his graduation from Princeton University. Later he entered Armored Force Officers Candidate School and received his commission as a member of the 61st graduating class.

HEADQUARTERS, TANK DESTROYER CENTER—Col. Charles G. Dodge, Cav., former Chief of Staff, this headquarters, has been assigned to the 8th Armored Division, Camp Polk, La.

Col. Wendell Westover, GSC, has been announced as Chief of Staff, this headquarters.

HEADQUARTERS, TANK DESTROYER SCHOOL—Col. William T. Hamilton and Lt. Col. George K. Lightcap of the Armored Force School, Fort Knox, Ky., visited this headquarters recently.

HEADQUARTERS, TANK DESTROYER BOARD—Capt. J. R. Bly, Office of Chief of Ordnance, Detroit, Mich., was a recent visitor at the Tank Destroyer Board.

HEADQUARTERS, TANK DESTROYER REPLACEMENT TRAINING CENTER—Lt. Col. Emory A. Dunham has been assigned as Executive Officer, headquarters, 5th Tank Destroyer Training Regiment.

Private Has DSC

CAMP BUTNER, N. C.—When Private James Collins returned to the United States from more than two years of service in the Tunisian theatre of war, he found an unexpected home awaiting him at his home in Barre, Vt. It was an official War Department notification that he had been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism in the campaign in which he participated as an infantryman in April of last year.

Name Dinah Shore As Sweetheart Of Liberation Yanks

WASHINGTON—Sgt. Vick Knight of the American Forces Network, writing to Harriet B. Van Horne, of the New York World-Telegram, gives a picturesque word picture of the scene of USO-Camp Show operations in France.

"The stage is usually a two-ton USO truck," he wrote. "The chairs are plain grass, unless a fellow wants to sit in the mezzanine—a fence. The late afternoon sun is often the spotlight, and the scenery is by Mother Nature."

"The Camp Show audience is often 3,000 grimy, mud-spattered infantrymen, fresh from their foxholes after 73 consecutive days of combat."

The GIs in one section, touched by Dinah Shore's bravery in going into areas of active combat, "where they fly thick and fast," have elected her "Sweetheart of the Liberation Armies."

"Everybody knows that the sweetheart of the GIs is a fellow named Ike Eisenhower," Dinah remarked. But the GIs stuck to their choice.

On one occasion, after a long show, Dinah and her Camp Show company were returning to their billets for the night when they passed a soldier in a broken down jeep. Dinah stopped and asked if she could help. The soldier shook his head. "Too late, I was going to hear Dinah Shore sing when this happened."

Dinah introduced herself, and there on the roadside, under the stars with only a gentle breeze for accompaniment, sang two songs just for the soldier—"a thrill that dogface will never forget," Sergeant Knight wrote.

Switches Foxhole, Is Mighty Lucky

WITH THE 36th "TEXAS" DIVISION, France—Sgt. Gerardo T. Quintanilla, Kingsville, Tex., a mortar squad leader with the 36th "Texas" Division, recently took time out to be choosy about his foxholes and found that it paid dividends.

His squad had just set up its position in a thinly-wooded area when word came to send someone back to help the ammunition carriers. One of the men, who had already finished his foxhole, volunteered, so the sergeant dispatched him and began to dig for himself.

He had got a small shelter finished when the German artillery opened fire on his unit.

"I looked at this other guy's hole and decided it looked better than mine," said the sergeant, "so I beat it over there. That was one lucky thing. The second shell landed square on my own foxhole. All I got out of it was a dirt bath!"

French Village Makes Yank 'Unknown Soldier'

WITH U. S. FORCES IN FRANCE—The little French village Gavroy is far from combat now, but there is still a battle going on there and it breaks out every time an American shows up. It seems that after the village was captured the inhabitants found the body of an American sergeant, who had been overlooked by the graves detail.

The mayor took up a collection, bought an ornate casket, and the children brought flowers, and the priest said a prayer and they buried the soldier in the churchyard. From then on he became "Our Sergeant." There were always fresh flowers on the grave and every day the kids stopped to pray for "Our Sergeant."

Then along came another sergeant, with a detail from the graves registration outfit. He didn't speak much French, but he heard a lot that afternoon while his men were digging up the casket. They hauled it away to a nearby military cemetery. But that wasn't the end.

Every time a jeep or a truck or

anyone in a U. S. uniform stops in the town, the people gather and demand that "Our Sergeant" be sent back.

So it looks as though peace will not come to that village until someone figures out how to satisfy these townspeople who want an American unknown soldier of their own.

Accident Rate Is Cut 27 Per Cent

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which represented a 57 per cent improvement.

Other branches which showed improvement were the Engineers, whose enviable frequency of 13.8 for the first six months of 1943 was reduced to 10.7 for 1944; the Transportation Corps reduced a 1943 frequency of 22.3 to 13.9 in 1944, a reduction of 37.7 per cent. "Such reduction," General Lerch said, "was no small accomplishment when we realize that in 1943 our shipping men sent overseas 28,500,000 tons of supplies, and 1944, I may say, is an even bigger year for shipping."

General Lerch extolled the role played by the Surgeon General's Office in the safety program guarding the health of civilians as well as military personnel.

In discussing the program for the protection of our fighting men, General Lerch said all equipment must pass rigid tests before it is issued and that one of the reasons our men are the finest marksmen in the world is the confidence they have in their equipment.

Long And Short!

CAMP GORDON, JOHNSTON, Fla.—Pfc. Angelo Gregoropoulos is tired of having the longest name in Camp Gordon Johnston's Headquarters Detachment, so he's getting it officially changed to Angelo Gregory.

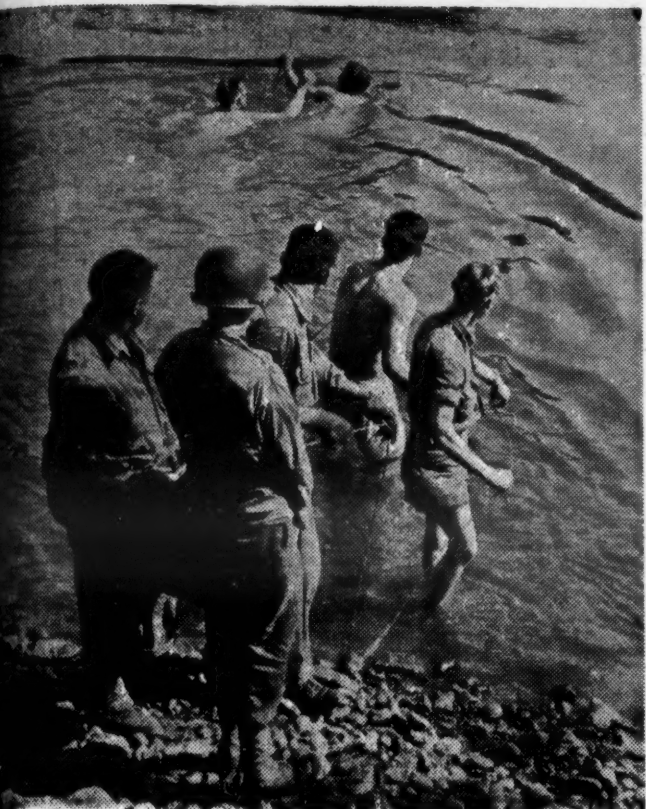
However, there's one thing he can't do much about. Being all of five-foot one inch tall, he must remain the smallest man in his outfit.

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COMMUNICATION lines laid across the Moselle River, France, by a Signal Battalion were broken down three times, so men decided to swim the lines across farther down the river. It was a ticklish job, but it worked.

After Five Years Stalin Can 'Phone Winston Churchill

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Anthony Eden is Britain's Foreign Secretary, but he's just an ordinary guy who hates to be woken up from sound sleep by jangling phone bells. Retiring late, after a heavy day, Mr. Eden was awakened by his bedside phone about 3:30 a. m. Grabbing the receiver, he said: "I am not talking to anyone," and hung up. Followed by more calls, with procedure repeated. In the morning came a message from Prime Minister Churchill in Quebec stating he had tried to get the Foreign Secretary by trans-Atlantic telephone but had been unable to reach him.

The Eiffel Tower in Paris, a magnet for wandering American fliers who enjoy roaring under the high arches of its base, has been put to a different use by the United States Army. It's now an "observation post." Its 984-foot peak commanding a view of 60 miles and its powerful wireless installation serving "a most useful purpose."

After 73 years, the true story of the great Chicago fire of 1871 was leaked out. It wasn't Mrs. O'Leary's cow which kicked the lantern and started the blaze. Mrs. O'Leary's sons and other boys were shooting craps in the barn when the lantern overturned, War Department said. Kenneth Olson, one of the "kids," now dean of the School of Journalism at Northwestern University, made the sensational disclosure.

A story of real guts comes from Nijmegen, The Netherlands. In murky weather, several German planes went over the Rhine river, swooped low and released "seagoing" mines by parachute, their intention being to have the mines carried by the strong river current against the bridge supports, subsequent explosions being expected to destroy important highway bridges. Volunteers plunged into the river, tackled the perilous task of getting the explosives to shore and rendering them harmless.

Most unusual orders of the entire war were shown to First Army correspondents, this being the text of a German communique issued in August. It told high Nazi officers they should save themselves to assure the Reich an officer corps for a third World War; that junior officers were expendable and should be given the "creepy jobs," and that dissident soldiers should be ferreted out and put in front line posts to be quickly killed or sent home on leave to be dealt with expeditiously by the Gestapo.

For the first time in the history of the United States, the birth rate for 1943 exceeded the 3,000,000 mark. Bureau of the Census reported that registered births totaled 2,935,171, while unregistered arrivals were estimated at not less than 88,000.

Fly 4,000 Wounded

(Continued from Page 1) has been accepted as a method of choice for the movement of the sick and wounded may be judged from the fact that, since D-Day of the Normandy invasion, 55,000 patients have been evacuated from France by the C-47s of the Ninth Troop Carrier Command.

"Although the most critical cases were given air priority, the death rate of air-evacuated patients after admission to Army General Hospitals in England was reported to be only four-tenths of one per cent."

General Grant said that the Ferrying Command of ATC and the Troop Carrier Command are now flying more than 6,000 patients a month from American ports of debarkation to Army hospitals in the interior. This includes a portion of the casualties arriving by sea as well as those coming by air.

Yanks Rip Holes

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the Po valley. In Italy rain and mud badly interfered with operations.

The island of Crete, taken by Nazi airborne troops early in the war, is now under Allied siege, with the German forces retreating to positions in the Southern end.

The Russians and Marshall Tito have joined forces in Yugoslavia in a drive on Belgrade to cut off the Nazi forces in the Balkans, and are now only some 30 miles from that city. London reports that armistice terms have been given to Hungary.

The Polish underground forces have given up their struggle in Warsaw, due to lack of ammunition and supplies. Some thousands of them have crossed the Vistula to join the Russian armies which are still pressing on the city.

Bombing raids on Wewak, Ambona and Ceram in the Moluccas have been the feature of the week's operations in the South Pacific. Another successful raid by 60 Liberators smashed up an important source of Jap oil supply at Balikpapan in Borneo.

In China the Japs have made a new advance on Foochow, the last large seaport held by the Chinese, the move said to be an attempt to forestall American landings in China proper. The situation at Kweilin is greatly improved, the Japs being held 14 miles from that important Chinese center.

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CHAMPIONS met when Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark, Commanding General of the Fifth Army in Italy, greeted S/Sgt. Joe Louis, world's heavyweight titleholder. Louis, who has been touring combat theaters, put on a boxing exhibition as part of the Salerno Day commemoration exercises.

Navy Loses, 21-14, Penn Upsets Duke

WASHINGTON—The gridiron dops bucket was kicked all over the sport pages as Navy, UCLA, Michigan and Duke, along with others, toppled in games they were expected to win.

Paced by Otto Graham, of Northwestern fame, the North Carolina Pre-Flight eleven, loaded with outstanding grid stars, won 21-14. The two teams played on almost even terms with the coolness of Graham spelling the difference over Navy.

With the score tied 14-all Graham took a punt on his own 26, cut across the field, and when about to be tackled lateraled back to Frank Aschenbrenner, who loped the remaining 40 yards to pay dirt.

The Michigan Wolverines waited

all afternoon for a pass and ended up on the short end of a 20-0 score as a powerful Indiana line attack crossed the goal line three times. The Wolverines were all cocked-and-primed for Bob Hoernschmeyer's aerials, but didn't have the stuff to stop Fullback George Sunheim and Harry Jagade.

Youngsters Win

The juvenile Penn eleven served notice on the east that it intends to be tough this season by banging out an 18-7 win over the favored Duke team.

The UCLA team was master in every department of the game but scoring as it went down to an upset, which may stand on the records as one of the biggest of the season. The University of California Bears took advantage of its one break, a blocked punt, and scored the touchdown that won the game, 6-0.

The Second Air Force Super-Bombers played according to the dope sheet and wrote another reason for a Bowl game invitation into the books by soundly trouncing Colorado U., 33-6.

Glenn Dobbs pitched 12 passes and completed 12, two good for scores, in 24 minutes. The Buffaloes found some satisfaction in crossing the Super-Bombers' goal line for the first time in five games.

Football Wizardry

Coach Cecil Isbell has taught his Purdue Boilermakers some of the football wizardry that made him famous and they used it in defeating Marquette, 40-7.

In warm-up games Army ran with ease over North Carolina to win by a 46-0 score. Capitalizing on every Pitt error the Notre Dame Fighting Irish gave an indication of their power by beating the Panthers, 58-0. It was the worst shellacking handed Pitt in the 13-year series between the two teams.

In a ball game that left the fans hoarse, the speedy Illinois eleven played the Great Lakes eleven to a 26-26 standstill. Another thriller found Alabama and Louisiana State locked in a 26-26 tie at the end of the game.

In the play-for-pay league the Green Bay Packers took a big lead in the standings by drubbing the Detroit Lions, 27-6, for their third straight league win.

The Chicago Bears found a Baughless Washington Redskins team easy pickings and won easily, 28-0.

20 Teams for Belvoir Touch Football Loop

FORT BELVOIR, Va.—Twenty teams have entered the Post Touch-Football League.

Opening games are scheduled for next Monday.

Browns' Story-Book Finish Dims World Series Glamour

WASHINGTON—Whatever the final outcome of the World Series, now under way between the two St. Louis teams, the 1944 event will go down in baseball history as the classic whose lustre was almost entirely dimmed by the drama which immediately preceded it.

The American League pennant battle was so full of thrills in its concluding week, so sensational in its photofinish, with the Browns edging the Tigers by but one game on the final day, that fans were left limp, literally "hanging on the ropes."

Unlike former years, when baseball addicts would be in hot argument for days before the series opened debating the merits of the contenders, this year the one topic was the Browns' dramatic finish; how in 10 days they overcame a one-and-a-half game handicap; won 12 of their 13 games and swept the series with the Yank third-placers and Red Sox fourth-placers.

Tail-Enders Prove Villains

And while St. Louis was accomplishing this fairy-tale feat, the Tigers lost one of three to the seventh-place Athletics, and then found the Nats, American League tailenders and anticipated soft-touch, dyed-in-the-wool villains who bowled them over for two out of four.

The two outstanding headlines of the concluding day were Dutch Leonard, who pitched superbly for Washington to beat the Tigers, and Chet Laabs, whose home runs in the fourth and fifth innings Sunday resulted in four runs to beat the Yanks. Adding to the bitterness of the pill swallowed by Detroit was the fact that Laabs was one of the "junk players" sent to St. Louis by Detroit in 1939 in the Bobo Newsom deal.

Cinch Race For Cards

The 1944 season marked one of the rare occasions when the American and not the National provided the close race. The Cards got away to a flying start and breezed under the wire with a margin of 14½ games over second place Pittsburgh.

When the Cards notched their 100th victory on Sept. 24, they became the first National League club in the 68-year history of the senior loop to win 100 games or more for

Browns Sign Gray, One-Armed Player

ST. LOUIS—The Browns, already oozing with fame, are not overlooking any bets to draw fans through the turnstiles in coming seasons. They've just signed Pete Gray, the sensational Memphis one-armed outfielder, star of the Southern Association for the last three years. Purchase price was not disclosed.

Gray, this year batted .333, including five home runs, and stole 68 bases to tie the modern league record set by Kiky Cuyler 20 years ago. Gray has just been voted his league's most valuable player.

Wise baseball men say Gray is a cinch to stick with the majors.

San Francisco Beats Coast League Champs

LOS ANGELES—The San Francisco Seals took the fourth and deciding game from the Angels Tuesday to win the Coast League play-off. With two men on in the seventh, Ben Guintini laid down a bunt. Stan Gray, Los Angeles third baseman, fell down just as he was about to take the throw from the pitcher, the ball rolled to the far corner of the field and all three runners scored. Final score, 4-2.

Orioles Win; Go Into Little World Series

BALTIMORE—The Orioles, who came from behind to win the International League pennant by sevenths of a percentage point, kept up their dizzy licks and won the play-off series from Newark, four games to three.

Baltimore now plays Louisville, play-off winner of the American Association, in the Little World Series.

McQuinn Bang Is One Heard Around World

ST. LOUIS—George McQuinn, of Arlington, Va., on Wednesday struck the "blow that was heard around the world."

With two men out in the fourth inning of the opening game of the World Series, and with Gene Moore on by a single, first blow off Mort Cooper, McQuinn hit the second pitch for a homer, winning for the Browns over the Cardinals 2-1.

Both Galehouse and Cooper pitched grand ball, but the home-run hoodoo which has pursued Cooper in former World Series and All-Star games, continued on his trail.

Browns' victory caused a terrific change in betting odds. Quoted at 1 to 2 at game time to win the series, the odds that same night were made 4 to 5, make your pick.

three successive years. And Billy Southworth became the first manager to win three consecutive National League pennants since John McGraw led his New York Giants to pennants in 1921-22-23-24.

In the American, the Browns opened with a winning streak, lost the lead to New York in late summer;

hopped again to the driver's seat, were knocked off by the Tigers and finally won out. Closeness of the race is shown by the fact that the Browns in eighth place, had a better margin in win and lost column than the Cardinals, who were fourth place team in the National.

Lou Boudreau, manager of Cleveland, was \$500 richer Sunday through finishing with a batting average of .337 to nose out Bobby Doerr, who quit Boston to enter service. Bob Johnson, at the head of the batting procession up to last Sunday, dropped to .324.

The Dodgers' Walker will receive the National's \$500 batting prize for his .357. Musial of St. Louis placed with .347 and Joe Medwick of New York registered .337.

Here How Teams Closed 1944 Play

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
	Won	Lost	Pct.
St. Louis	89	65	.578
Detroit	88	66	.571
New York	83	71	.539
Boston	77	77	.500
Cleveland	72	82	.468
Philadelphia	72	82	.468
Chicago	71	83	.461
Washington	64	90	.416
NATIONAL LEAGUE			
	Won	Lost	Pct.
St. Louis	105	49	.682
Pittsburgh	90	63	.588
Cincinnati	89	65	.578
Chicago	75	79	.487
New York	67	87	.435
Boston	65	89	.422
Brooklyn	63	91	.409
Philadelphia	61	92	.399

Credits Scrub Football Career For 'Dead-Eye' Mortar Gunning

CAMP POLK, La. — "Best damn mortar gunner in the 8th Armored Division" is the title bestowed upon S/Sgt. Alfred Starzyk by his buddies and officers of the 36th Tank Battalion.

Starzyk fires the 81 millimeter mortar and looks like the smaller,

60 millimeter, weapon. He is small, round, wiry and blonde and has the force and power of an exploding mortar shell.

Stories of his prowess with the mortar started at Fort Knox, Ky., the first day he ever fired the weapon. His sergeant was away on leave and Starzyk was ordered to take the squad to OP 6 for a demonstration. After dry-running the creature he presented an exhibit which received an on-the-spot commendation from the colonel of the Armored Force Demonstration Regiment.

The commendation brought Starzyk a sergeantcy from corporal and a new interest in mortars. Now, Mortar Platoon Leader Lt. Samuel Stephens says "He knows more about mortars—ours, German, Italian, Russian, Japanese and British—than anyone ever met."

Sergeant Starzyk's secret of mortar marksmanship is range estimation with care in aligning the sight, stakes the next most important in his list of essentials. "The mortar is an accurate weapon. It puts shell where you point it, but it is your thinking and correct wiring errors in estimation," he explains.

He credits his own proficiency in estimating range distance to a booby scrub football career. "I just count the number of football fields from the weapon to the target and multiply by a hundred to get the number of yards."

Fort Benning Has Two Champ Divers

FORT BENNING, Ga. — Benning boasts two soldiers who "know the dives"—the kind you find in a pool!

The champ diving duet are Sgt. Hank Akers and George Newton, of the Parachute School and 5th Infantry, 71st Division, respectively, recent stars of the big outdoor show, "Aquapoppin' of '44," at the post's Rust Pool.

Akers was a former featured performer with Billy Rose's Aquacade in New York and San Francisco, also working as a double for John Weissmuller in the "Tarzan" films. His numerous exploits include wrestling exhibitions with 12-foot alligators.

Newton won the New Jersey State Diving championship before entering the service, and last month, the Fort Benning title. He has toured extensively in his own tank show.

FOOTBALL SCORES

East	
Army 46, North Carolina 9.	
Bates 6, Connecticut 0.	
Brown 44, Tufts 0.	
Columbia 21, Union 0.	
Cornell 26, Bucknell 0.	
Dartmouth 6, Holy Cross 6.	
Harvard 13, Worcester Tech 0.	
N. C. Pre-Flight 21, Navy 14.	
Notre Dame 58, Pittsburgh 0.	
Pennsylvania 18, Duke 7.	
Penn State 58, Muhlenberg 13.	
Rochester 20, Colgate 13.	
Villanova 14, F. & M. 6.	
West Virginia 32, Case 7.	
Yale 7, Coast Guard Academy 3.	
South	
Alabama 27, Louisiana State 27.	
Camp Lejeune 6, Duke J. V. 0.	
Catawba 7, Virginia M. I. 6.	
Charleston C. G. 34, Newberry 0.	
Georgia Pre-Flt. 20, South Carolina 14.	
Georgia Tech 51, Clemson 0.	
Milligan 6, Emory and Henry 0.	
Mississippi 26, Florida 6.	
Mississippi State 42, Jackson AAB 0.	
No. Carolina State 13, Virginia 0.	
Randolph Field 59, Rice 0.	
Richmond 38, Richmond AAB 0.	
Sam Houston 6, Prairie View 0.	
So. Methodist 49, No. Tex. Aggies 0.	
Tennessee 26, Kentucky 13.	
Texas 20, Southwestern 0.	
Texas A. & M. 27, Texas Tech 14.	
Texas Christian 34, So. Plains AAF 0.	
Tuskegee 26, Xavier (N. O.) 7.	
William and Mary 46, Fort Monroe 0.	
West	
Baldwin-Wallace 35, Oberlin 0.	
Denison 40, Bethany 12.	
Illinois 26, Great Lakes 28.	
Indiana 20, Michigan 0.	
Indiana State 33, Illinois Normal 18.	
Iowa State 49, G. Adolphus 0.	
Kansas State 6, Wichita 6.	
Miami (Ohio) 32, Western Mich. 6.	
Michigan State 40, Scranton 12.	
Minnesota 29, Nebraska 0.	
Norman Naval 22, Oklahoma 14.	
Ohio State 54, Missouri 0.	
Ohio Wesleyan 35, DePauw 0.	
Purdue 40, Marquette 7.	
St. Thomas 6, Lawrence 0.	
Wabash 20, Illinois Wesleyan 0.	
Wheaton 14, Concordia 0.	
Wisconsin 7, Northwestern 6.	
Far West	
California 8, U. C. L. A. 0.	
California Tech 20, So. Calif. J. V. 0.	
Second AAF 38, Colorado 6.	
So. California 18, College of Pacific 6.	
Utah 24, Idaho Naval 0.	
Washington 66, Whitman 6.	
National League	
Green bay 27, Detroit 6.	
Exhibition Games	
Cards-Pittsburgh 27, N. Y. Giants 16.	
Chicago Bears 28, Wash. Redskins 0.	
Cleveland Rams 7, Phila. Eagles 7.	
Service Football	
Ft. Benning 24 Inf. 26, Maxwell Field 9.	
Graton Sub Base 33, New Bedford 6.	
Ottumwa NAB 46, Camp Ellis 7.	

Despite a Bleeding Hoof, Pavot Wins The Rich Futurity Purse

WASHINGTON — Any doubts that Pavot was the ability and heart of the two-year-old colt sped to a two-length win in the Futurity at Belmont despite a bloody hoof.

Jumped on at the starting gate, Pavot pushed his total earnings to \$180,350, running with a foot that was bleeding from a tear from coronet to heel.

With Free For All on the sick book, Pavot beat the same youngsters he had beaten before in the richest purse for two-year-olds. He did it like a champion to make it eight wins in a row without a loss.

Carrying top weight of 126 pounds and George Woolf, Pavot was outrun at the start but, saving ground, he closed with a rush to beat Alexis and Errard. Heavily backed by the crowd, Pavot returned \$3.80, while every other horse went at the post at 10-to-1 or better.

Verdict Reversed

In a sharp reversal of a race the week before, Bolingbroke came back for his share of the distance handicap honors by winning the two-mile Jockey Club Gold Cup.

With Bounding Home setting a brisk pace, Devil Diver was forced to keep up or lag behind so Eddie Arcaro wasn't able to outsmart his rival jockeys. When the other horses made their moves in pursuit of

Bounding Home, Devil Diver sulked while Bolingbroke stretched out to beat Strategic by four lengths. The Diver was third.

Happy Issue scored an upset by beating Daily Trouble to the wire by a nose in the Hawthorne Handicap. Seven Hearts ran third. The winner paid a \$29.20 win mutuel.

Bel Reigh took a cut in the weights and managed to outlast Castleman in the drive for the wire at Narragansett. Ball Player ran third. The drop in weights was noticed by the fans, who made the winner a three-to-two favorite in the Governor's

Handicap.

The last time Soldier Song and Challamore locked up in a stretch duel to the wire neither the camera nor the judges were able to separate their noses. On Saturday Soldier Song had the extra zing and beat his more heavily backed rival by a length in the Laurel Handicap.

Ridden by Jockey Eddie Campbell, Soldier Song stayed off the pace to the head of the stretch, where he took a head lead. Slowly drawing out, he had enough left to stand off Challamore in the long drive to the wire. The winner paid \$8.20.

GI Gremlin Hoodwinks Two Fort Riley 'Blind Boxers'

(The GUIDON, FORT RILEY, KAN.)

"As I was walking up the stair, I met a man who wasn't there, He wasn't there again today, I wish to hell he'd stay away."

This piece of poetry is far from the classics, but it gave Pvt. John Levatino, of the First Regiment at CRT, a brilliant idea. It also gave a couple of GI boxers a miserable evening.

Levatino persuaded Almundor Amundson and Gene Hooper, both of Troop "H," 1st Regiment, to do a bit of leather pushing from the blind side. When they crawled through the ropes of the ring one Thursday night, they stood beneath the floodlights alone, with the exception, of course, of the referee.

Appears on Scene

But once the blindfolds were applied, the "little man who wasn't there" was now very much in evidence, i.e. from the spectators' view. A third fighter, in trunks and wine-colored gloves, slipped into the ring with his seeing eyes.

The gong opened the first round and the two blindfolded warriors waited to the center and swung wildly in their own darkness. Neither connected with anything but the brisk breeze. But suddenly there was a rat-at-at as gloves played first on the body of Hooper, then splattered against Amundson's bobbing head. The "little man who wasn't there" was at work. He danced in bobbing and weaving, moving in and out cautiously and silently. He struck his blows sometimes sandwiched in between the blindfolded fighters, other times from behind. But always he struck sharply and quickly and then moved out of range. The puzzled and annoyed "blind"

boxers were rocked from every side. Each held the highest respect for his opponent, never realizing that they were being hoodwinked. Each thought the other was a buzz-saw and a streak of lightning.

Then the "little man who wasn't there" slipped out of the ring and high-tailed it for the dressing room. He waved a Guidon reporter aside with, "Don't print my name. I'm just the GI who wasn't there—I'm not very big and wouldn't want those fellows to go running for me after they get their blindfolds off."

So ends the story of another GI Gremlin.

Select All-Star Team For Ninth Service Command

FORT DOUGLAS, Utah.—Following final play, which saw Stockton, Calif., AAF team cop the championship of the eight Western states from the Fort Lewis, Wash., ASF team, Command Headquarters has announced selection of the All-Star club for the Ninth Service Command.

The All-Stars, with position, team and hometown of the player, follow: Sgt. Hooks, p. Kearns, Springfield, Mo.

Sgt. Ray Anderson, c. Rosecrans, Goleta, Calif.

Sgt. John Stern, 1b. Kearns, St. Louis.

Pvt. Alex Kampouris, 2b. Stockton AAF, Sacramento, Calif.

Pvt. Dino Restelli, 3b. Fort Lewis, San Francisco.

Pvt. George Van Herpe, ss. Kearns, New York City.

Pfc. Sam Stassl, lf. Stockton, Sacramento, Calif.

Pfc. Jack Graham, rf. Kearns, Long Beach, Calif.

Utility players: Cpl. Walter Misoskey, p. Fort Lewis, Johnston, Pa.

Pvt. Kent Peterson, p. Fort Douglas, Salt Lake City.

Cpl. Ike Wood, c. Kearns.

Grid Picking Contests

GREENSBORO, N. C.—Without a football team to stimulate recreational interest in the frenzied fall sport, the ORD News of the AAF Overseas Replacement Depot has inaugurated a football picking contest for all military personnel. Cartons of cigarettes and books of movie tickets will be awarded the three winning cards.

New Manual Stresses Importance of Sports And Shows to Morale

WASHINGTON—Importance of athletics and recreation and entertainment in building up and retaining morale of soldiers, both in combat fronts and at home, is stressed in Technical Manual TM 21-205—"The Special Services Officer (Athletic and Recreation)," recently issued by the War Department.

The manual, published as an aid to all officers concerned with A and R activities and to acquaint commanders with the scope of these activities, is chockful of interesting features. It tells the procedure for obtaining funds to get the sports and fun balls rolling; outlines domestic and overseas programs; carries paragraphs on most popular sports and games; suggests how to organize Army competition and tournaments, and has timely hints on winter sports, including hockey.

The section devoted to entertainment suggests how to arrange soldier shows, USO-Camp Shows and movie programs, while another section is given over to "music participation programs," with illustrations as to use of improvised instruments. Arts and crafts also come in as an important part of the morale picture.

Fuseless Bombers Win Five Straight

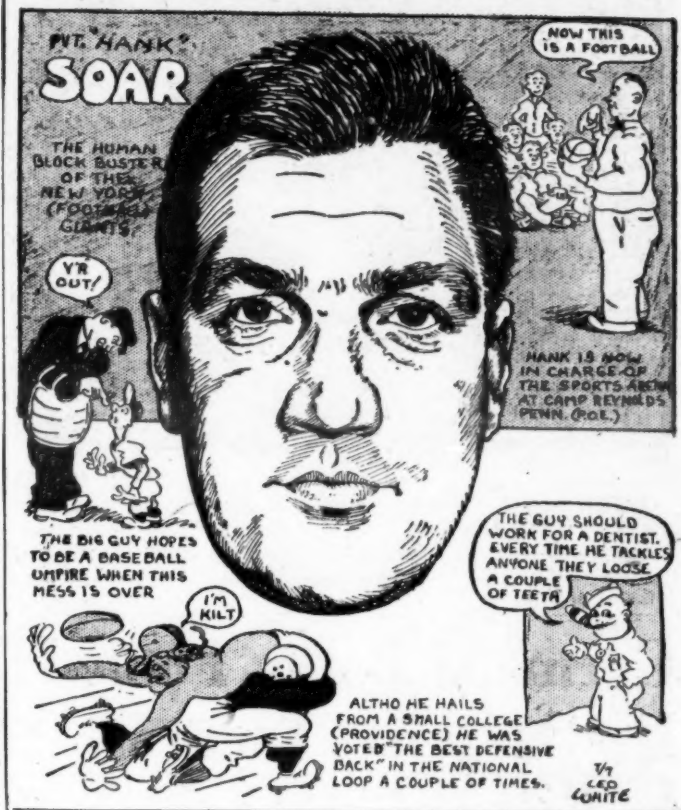
SMYRNA FIELD, Tenn.—The "Fuseless Bombers" baseball team ended its season in a blaze of glory by registering five straight wins.

After beating the Prison nine by 1 to 2, the Bombers came through with a victory over the Nashville AA Center by 6-5, this last game marking the christening of "Dixie Stadium," the Post's new home for the Bombers.

The Bombers wound up the '44 season with 25 wins in 39 games.

GI Sportsguy

By Pvt. Leo White



SPORTS CHAT

ELGIN FIELD, Fla.—The 1944 baseball season will long be remembered in the annals of sports history at Elgin Field—no less than six no-hitters having been turned in by its moundsmen. Bob Ouellet, of Flight Testing, was the latest to join the select circle.

SELMAN FIELD, La.—Congratulations were showered on Sgt. Don Martin, clerk at Group 11 record station and former Selman Field PT instructor, when he returned from furlough with the Rhode Island State tennis championship, which he won for the third consecutive year.

BUCKLEY FIELD, Colo.—For a man who gained a reputation as one of the greatest playboys ever to hit the "Gay White Way," S/Sgt. Max Baer, former heavyweight champ, has a much different philosophy than did the pre-war Baer. Maxie, now receiving treatment here for a painful back injury, recently entertained a large group at a bull session, and while he enjoyed kidding with the boys, he turned quite serious in bowing out when he somberly stated: "You youngsters must keep in good physical trim. In my last fights I tried to do my training on the way from the dressing room to the ring. It didn't work. Neither will you have time to do it on the way from the boat to the front lines."

FORT LEWIS, Wash.—A comprehensive sports program to run into the winter months has been worked out for each company in the Engineer Training Section by Lt. John Hayden, athletic and

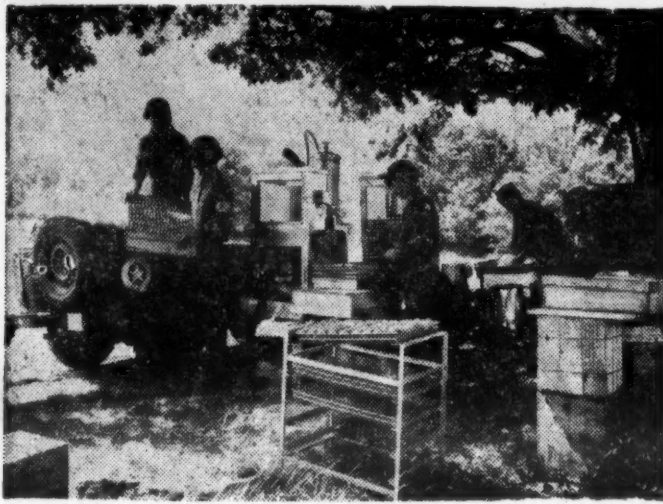
recreation officer. Wrestling and weight lifting competitions begin tonight, while basketball starts Nov. 15.

CAMP LEE, Va.—Brig. Gen. John R. Kilpatrick, commanding general of the Hampton Roads Port of Embarkation, widely-known in the sports world as president of Madison Square Garden, while a visitor here predicted a tremendous post-war sports boom. The General pointed out that Gene Tunney, Georges Carpentier and many other stars were developed during the last war. "We'll have more outstanding athletes this time and we'll also have a resurgence in women's sports," said General Kilpatrick.

ALEXANDRIA FIELD, La.—T/Sgt. Don E. Galbreath, physical fitness instructor, announces the weekly boxing programs opener Oct. 5, and the many candidates will be divided into four classes—professionals, skilled amateurs, amateurs and novices. Sergeant Galbreath, well-known West Coast football coach, was boxing programs in the entire 2AAF.

KEESLER FIELD, Miss.—Pvt. Greg Almirantes, who holds two Gold Gloves awards for the 115 and 126-pound Massachusetts championship, who has won four of his six boxing matches since coming here in April, is the idol of fans because of his fast footwork. Almirantes says he could travel faster if he could have dance band accompaniment. He's won 11 major dancing contests around his home-town of Springfield, Mass.





Signal Corps Photo

CLOSE behind the advancing U. S. Army in the south of France is this American Red Cross doughnut frying outfit being operated under a big shade tree by a detail of GI kaypees. Entirely mechanical, the machine daily turns out thousands of sinkers.

Germans Badly Fooled By Surprise Tactics

WASHINGTON—By using apparently impregnable avenues of attack against German positions, the Allied armies continually gained the advantage of tactical surprise against the Nazis in Italy, according to a report to the War Department by Col. Wiley V. Carter, Signal Corps, who has been a special staff representative on the Army Ground Force North African Theater of Operations Board and an observer with the Fifth Army in Italy from May 26 to Sept. 14.

"Fifth Army strategists, often faced by heavily fortified Nazi positions, studied the mountainous terrain and chose routes to spearhead their attacks which seemed impossible of access. In this way, they often hit the weakest spot in the German defense and were able to

complete missions with a minimum expenditure of lives and casualties," he said.

Tough for Mountain Goat

"At one time a whole company of tanks got over a trail that would have looked difficult to a mountain goat. They took the enemy completely by surprise and captured a height that otherwise might have cost many lives and undoubtedly would have taken much more time.

"This type of strategy, the fact that our engineers have been able to rebuild roads, bridges, airfields and communications systems just about as fast as the Nazis could destroy them, and the teamwork among the artillery, armored and infantry forces account in great measure for the successes of the Fifth Army in Italy," he stated.

Colonel Carter spoke with high praise of the role the field artillery plays in modern warfare. "The close support they give the infantry and tank outfits when the chips are down really pays off," he said. "The self-propelled guns practically go along with the infantry. In case they are firing from behind the lines and the infantry suddenly needs closer support, they don't hesitate to call for it—and they get it."

Want Camp McCoy Named As Center To Train Youths

CAMP MCCOY, Wis.—Following its annual meeting, the executive committee of the Wisconsin department of the American Legion went on record urging that Camp McCoy, with its ideal training facilities, be made one of the sites for the youth military program.

The Wisconsin Citizens' Committee, which favors the program and selection of Camp McCoy as one of the training centers, conferred with the Legionnaires.

The veterans of 17-18 were greeted by one of their own—Col. George M. MacMullin, McCoy commander—who placed the entire post at the disposal of the Legionnaires, who were housed in barracks with station complement troops and who messed with the enlisted men.

Awards Are Given Fifth Army Units

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, Italy—For exceptionally meritorious service, the following units were awarded the Fifth Army plaque and clasp at recent ceremonies:

The 47th Quartermaster Graves Registration; the 262nd Ordnance Maintenance Company (AA); the 1st Platoon, 451st Engineer Depot Company; the 337th Engineer General Service Regiment; the 3838th Quartermaster Gasoline Supply Company; the 3375th Quartermaster Truck Company; the 817th Quartermaster Sterilization Company; the 94th Quartermaster Battalion; the 402nd Collecting Company, and Company D, 44th Engineer Camouflage Battalion.

Legislation Repealing Venereal Disease Pay Forfeiture Okayed

WASHINGTON—President Roosevelt has signed legislation repealing the law providing for forfeiture of pay because of venereal disease.

The new legislation (Public Law 439, 78th Congress) repeals section 2 of the Act approved May 17, 1926, which provides for the forfeiture of pay of persons in the military and naval service of the United States who are absent from duty on account of the direct effects of venereal disease due to misconduct, and amends Veterans Regulation Numbered 10, as amended, to define line

of duty and misconduct for pension and compensation purposes.

The Executive Order (Veterans Regulation Numbered 10) is amended to read as follows:

"Par. VIII. On injury or disease incurred during military or naval service will be deemed to have been incurred in line of duty and not the result of the veteran's own misconduct when the person on whose account benefits are claimed was, at the time the injury was suffered or disease contracted, in active service in the military or naval forces,

whether on active duty or on authorized leave, unless such injury or disease was the result of his own willful misconduct: Provided, That venereal disease shall not be presumed to be due to willful misconduct if the person in service complied with the Army or Navy regulations requiring him to report and receive treatment for such disease: Provided further, That the requirement for line of duty will not be met if it appears that at the time the injury was suffered or disease contracted the person on whose account benefits are claimed (1) was avoiding duty by deserting the service, or by absenting himself without leave materially interfering with the performance of military duties; (2) was confined under sentence of court martial or civil court."

Sec. 3. That paragraph IX of Veterans Regulation Numbered 10, as amended, be and is hereby amended to read:

"Par. IX. Pension shall not be payable under part III, Veterans Regulation Numbered 1 (a), as amended, for any disability due to the claimant's own willful misconduct or vicious habits."

Sec. 4. This Act shall be effective from the date of its approval. Sections 2 and 3, inclusive, shall be applicable to claims filed or adjudicated thereafter and the beginning date of awards shall be as provided in applicable statute or regulations: Provided, That no claim heretofore allowed by reason of misconduct in line of duty requirement shall be revived but benefits may be payable on the basis of a new claim filed hereafter in such form as may be prescribed by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs.

Approved September 27, 1944.

Don't Let Sharks Worry You! Just Use 'Water Judo' Tactics

ORLANDO, Fla.—Sharks infesting tropical waters where Yanks are operating these days had better mind their own business. As a sideline to the war against Japan, the Air Forces has developed a string of tactics to reduce shark casualties, and with the recent distribution of a shark bulletin prepared by the Arctic, Desert and the Tropic Information Center of the AAF Tactical Center, Air Forces' personnel are equipped to beat the shark in his own element.

If you are in the water and suspect the presence of sharks, your best bet is a little cake of "Shark Chaser," a new repellent now in regular issue. Its blue-black cloud of chemicals has been found to keep sharks at a distance. If you don't have any, then resort to tactics, the bulletin advises.

Stay as quiet as possible in the water, but when swimming, avoid frantic fluttery movements. Sharks are more likely to attack a man they believe wounded. Stay away from schools of fish, natural prey for sharks.

Slap Water, Shout

Of the hundreds of varieties of sharks, only four account for most human casualties: the white, tiger, hammerhead, and blue sharks. If, despite your precautions, a shark attacks you, then you can start using the "Water Judo," taught by Arctic, Desert and Tropic. Make a quick feint towards the shark to

spoil his self confidence. Slap the water as loudly as you can. Shout!

And believe it or not, a good swimmer can out-manuever a shark. Face him as he comes in for the kill, and then turn abruptly to one side. . . . sharks can't turn a tight circle. If he crowds you, grab his dorsal fin and hang on until you can veer away.

In close quarters, stiff-arm him; kick him in his tender nose. But if it comes to a showdown, ADTIC advises resorting to a knife. The best place to stab a shark is in his underside, with a ripping motion. Polynesian natives make a sport of this; you can do it too.

One good slash should teach even a 20-foot tiger shark that he should stick to a diet of fish and Japs, and leave Uncle Sam's boys strictly alone.

Combat Veterans Tour Washington

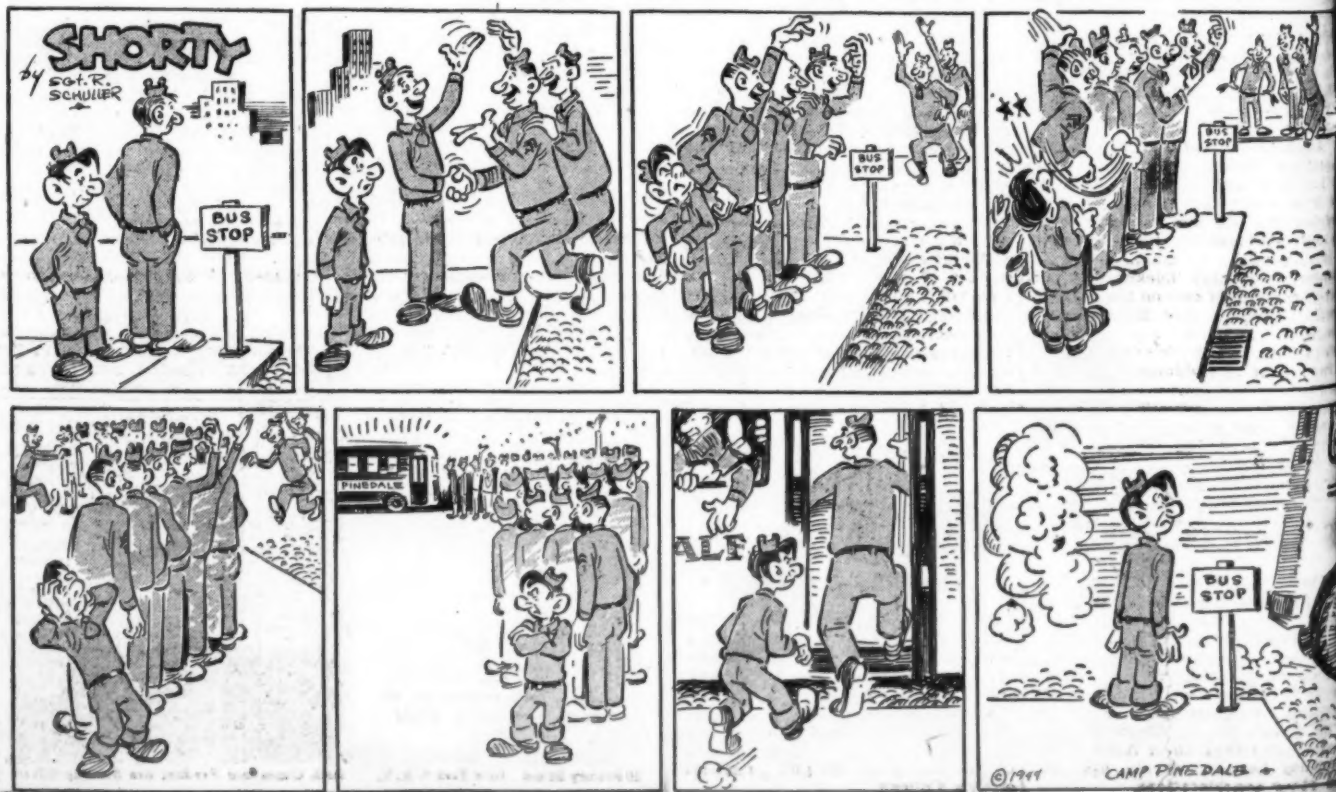
FORT BELVOIR, Va.—The Nation's Capital played host to its heroes, now stationed at Fort Belvoir, Va., when 140 returned overseas veterans representing nearly every theater of operations inaugurated the first of a series of weekly sight-seeing trips in Washington, D. C., last week.

The first conducted tour in Washington, D. C., to the Museum of Natural History and the Smithsonian Institute, was enthusiastically received by the veterans, who evidenced keen academic interest in the exhibits at both museums. Many of the veterans renewed their experiences in remote corners of the globe by comparing the living conditions and habitats of "natives" with museum replicas.

Can Write Their MCs

WASHINGTON—Rep. Buffett, (R-Neb.) announced the War Department had informed him there is no Army regulation prohibiting enlisted servicemen from writing to their Congressmen.

By Sgt. R. Schuller, Camp Pinedale, Calif., Unit of 4th AA



ALL PRESENT OR ACCOUNTED FOR

A new use for gas masks was discovered at **SMOKY HILL FIELD, Kans.**, the other day. A group of WACs and GIs had arranged a little party, and when time for refreshments came around one of the WACs proudly produced a package of limburger cheese recently sent on from home. The room was cleared in short order. But in a few minutes everyone came back for the chow—with their gas masks on.

After seeing the washing and ironing turned out by Cpl. Gerald Dee at **JACKSON AIR BASE, Miss.**, his buddies say that his wife will profit largely by his Army experience. He can wield a washboard as smartly as he can his rifle, they say.

The inside of soldiers' foot lockers usually presents—well, you know. But the mind of Pvt. Joseph Coakes, of Section A at **FORT WORTH, Tex.**, apparently doesn't run that way. In his locker is a single picture, an ad clipped from a national mag—a standing white collar neatly dressed with a blue and red four-in-hand.

Playing golf since he was nine, S/Sgt. Richard W. Voyles, St. Louis, Mo., was gripped by the miserable game he was putting up on a course somewhere near **ALEXANDRIA FIELD, La.** Just for fun he asked his partner, Sgt. Donald S. Davis, what he would give for a hole in one from the next tee. Inspired by an offer of 50 cents, Voyles put his first drive squarely in the cup.

There's a smart-thinking Pfc. at **CAMP BOWIE, Tex.** He was halted by an officer who was walking past, with "Don't we salute around here any more, soldier?" "Oh, but sir," protested the GI, "I'll bet a quarter it's further than 30 feet from you to me." The officer paced off 25 feet. The GI shelled out his quarter and took off. "You see," he explained later to his buddies, "I had to do something to save my weekend pass."

Sgt. George Fischer, Jr., Tenth Squadron, **DANIEL FIELD, Ga.**, has his own ideas as to how barracks life could be made more pleasant. "Liquidate all barracks chiefs," he says, "have breakfast in bed and have room orderlies press clothes during the day."

A soldier at **CAMP BOWIE, Tex.**, recently put his feet into an argument when he announced that his 13½ size shoes were the largest around the post. Sgt. William F. Kovics, Co. A, 45th Tank Battalion, got mad. "That guy has crust," he bellowed. "I've got size 14½ and he claims he's got the biggest feet."

Cpl. Ralph B. Fuhrman, of the **LINCOLN AIR FIELD, Nebr.**, was mayor of the logging town of Sixes, Ore., before he joined the Army. He won his election, the story goes, because he hit a home run in the last half of the ninth, winning a ball game on which the loggers had bet heavily.

"Only two more days and my furlough starts," enthused Pvt. Joseph Weiss, of Vandercook Lake, Mich., a cadman in Company B, 131st TD TD at **CAMP HOOD, Tex.** He felt so good about it that he tossed his fatigue hat in the air and leaped up on a ledge which separates the orderly room from the supply room. His foot caught in some wire screening and he fell backwards, fracturing both hands. Weiss is now in Station Hospital and—his eagerly anticipated furlough was necessarily

postponed.

Sgt. Louis G. Sackandy, of the 380th Battalion at **CAMP HAAN, Calif.**, wanted to join the K-9 Corps and look after dogs when he joined the Army. But classification intervened and now, while he has something to do with "dogs," since he serves them hot, as mess sergeant, he has nothing to do with them otherwise. He was in the restaurant business in DuBois, Penn., previous to Army life, and that helped him, as Capt. Furman H. Martin says, to be a cracking good mess sergeant.

The question whether it pays to send money home is bothering Pvt. George B. Ecks, of Squadron E, at **LANGLEY FIELD, Va.** "I used to have to send home for dough to see me through each month," he notes, "but last month had some over, so sent it home, and intended to do the same again this month, but I dunno." He had just had a letter from mother. "Son," she had written, "are you sure you are not getting into bad company and winning at craps?"



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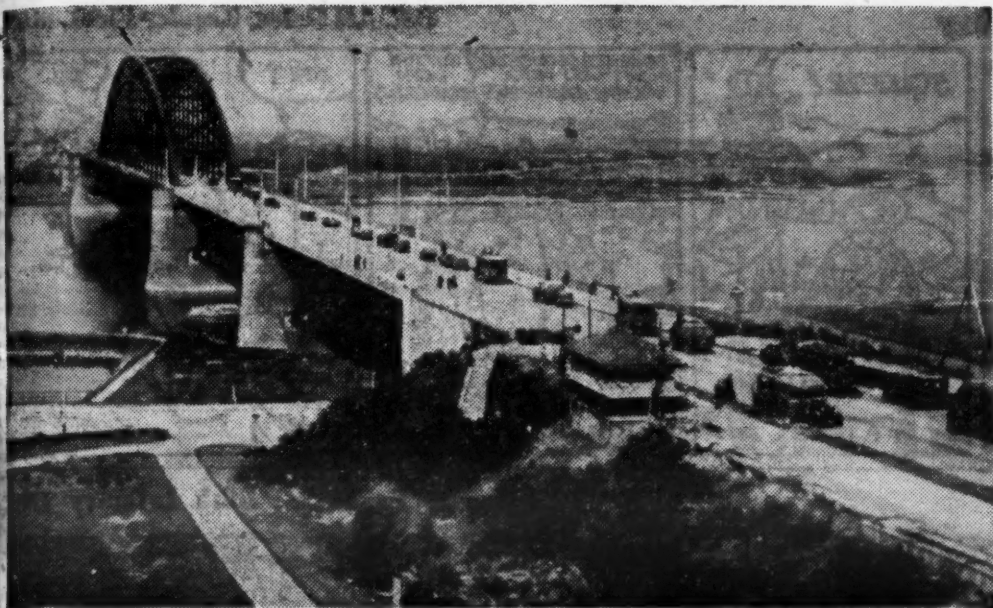
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STEADY stream of British armor and motorized vehicles pour across the Nimegen Bridge over the Waal (Rhine) River, following capture of the bridge which has been given wide news prominence in connection with airborne landings.

Book Notes

Pacific Victory 1945

By Joseph Driscoll. (J. B. Lippincott Co., Philadelphia, \$3.)

The recent Quebec conference centered attention on the Pacific theater. Mr. Churchill has guaranteed the support of the British Empire in the war against Japan.

With this knowledge Americans are asking how long V-J Day will follow V-E Day. Joseph Driscoll answers this question in "Pacific Victory 1945."

New York Herald Tribune Correspondent Driscoll did not base his estimate on the military situation in Europe but based them in a large part on the success of the Allied campaign to date in the Pacific theater of operations. He makes an outline of the road to Tokyo. He describes the men who are leading the forces down that road.

With the German situation described as hopeless by General Eisenhower, V-E Day is growing closer. The attention of the world will soon center on the monkey-men. The knowledge which can be gained from this book will assist a great deal in better appreciating the South Pacific campaigns and strategy as they unfold.

Russia and the Peace

By Bernard Pares. (MacMillan Co., New York, \$2.50.)

To advertising-conscious Americans Russia is extremely hard to understand. Although America and Russia have been partners for almost three years in the war against Germany, even high government officials, who should know the answers, still ask, "How does Russia stand?" on almost every post-war question.

Sir Bernard Pares is well qualified to answer a good share of these questions. Having devoted his life to knowing Russia and her people, he is probably as well qualified to express the attitude of that nation as any individual.

In this book he summarizes and answers the many questions which have been put to him on his tours of America, Canada, and England, and covers the particular aspects of our relationship to the Soviet Union.

For those individuals who have been puzzled by Russia and her economic and political philosophy and have not been able to find their answers in newspapers and periodicals, Sir Pares' book will prove very interesting.

Pickin' Up Papers

Orchids to the Fort McClellan, Ala., "Cycle" for its exceptional special edition marking its second anniversary. Editor-in-Chief Dick Linehan and his able staff went all-out in preparation of a most interesting history of a publication that justly ranks as one of the very best of camp newspapers. One of the numerous clever features is a double-page spread in which are reproduced letters and newspaper clippings lauding "The Cycle" for its excellence in contents and its successful crusades. Editorially commenting on its second anniversary, the paper says it "profoundly hopes it will not have occasion to celebrate a third."

The "AA Barrage" at Camp Davis, N. C., after nearly two years of publication, sang its "Swan Song" with a special edition of 24 pages in which it reviewed pictorially outstanding events which had been featured in some of its 74 issues. In its "bowling out" editorial, the "Barrage" pays tribute to the men and women who directed the publication and gained for it wide praise as one of the best in the service.

Troops of the 97th Division, stationed at Camp San Luis Obispo, Calif., are given up-to-the-minute news each morning by means of the "Trident Daily News," a mimeographed newspaper published by the Special Service Section. The local radio station provides the early morning news summary, which is condensed, printed and distributed to the troops no later than noon each day. News is not restricted to that of a war nature but covers all phases and national events of interest.

The "Cannoneers Post," official weekly newspaper of the Field Artillery Replacement Training Center at Camp Roberts, Calif., has suspended publication.

For the fourth time in its 22 months of publication, the "Wright Take-Off," at Wright Field, O., has changed its format. Starting off with a mimeographed sheet, the "Take-Off" progressed to an off-set printing job, and now has resorted to lithographing to keep pace with the marked advancement of Wright Field. Under the heading "Copy Cats," it says: "Unblushingly the new Take-Off has patterned itself after Henry R. Luce's succinct Time

Magazine. Typography and style both will follow Time as closely as possible."

"The Transmitter" at Boca Raton Field, Fla., prides itself on possessing what it believes is the "only woman sports editor on Army newspapers." A civilian employee of the Public Relations Office at Boca Raton, Mrs. Leone K. Ross was drafted for the sports desk job when the sports editor left the base on transfer, and she's made good. With 12 years' experience in the newspaper field and one year as secretary of the Ft. Lauderdale team of the Florida East Coast League, Mrs. Ross knows sport and how to write it and the GIs swear by her.

A new addition to the "Armorer" staff at Camp Polk, La., is none other than Pfc. Prudence De Pereda, of Hdqrs. Co., 78th Med. Bn. Armcd., who brings a long literary history to his new job. His stories have appeared in leading literary mags of this country and England and have been reprinted in the two leading short story anthologies of the world: the O'Brien Best Short Stories, 1938, '40, and the O. Henry Memorial Prize Volume, 1937. His latest appearance came when Edwin Sheaver, noted Book of the Month Club Editor, chose his short novel, "The Resurrection," as the lead piece of the best selling anthology, "Cross-Section," published last spring.

The C-B-I "Roundup," published at Delhi, starting its third year Sept. 14, carried a congratulatory message "From the Boss," Gen. "Joe" Stilwell, in which the Theater Commander said: "No change in policy—the mission is still to make it a paper the soldiers like, in spite of occasional red necks and faces. Keep them laughing; they'll furnish the growls themselves."

"The Flame" is the name selected by contest for the Fort Lewis, Wash., Training Center newspaper.

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28 Months Late

CAMP CROWDER, Mo.—Pfc. Jo. Baker is quite perplexed these days. Twenty-eight months ago Baker was greeted. Last week, while hard at work as cadman in Co. B, 800th Signal Training Regt., he got an interesting communique from his draft Board No. 8, Cincinnati, informing him that he is deferred indefinitely because of his age (39) and other considerations.

College To Train Veteran Advisers

NEW YORK.—To facilitate the establishment of veterans' vocational advisory units at colleges throughout the country, City College, in cooperation with the Veterans Administration, will offer a four-week training program to 35 trained psychologists beginning Nov. 13, it is announced by Dr. Harry N. Wright, president of City College.

The Mess Line

Sergeant at Camp Breckenridge, Ky., suggests a method for paying off the national debt—raffle off a discharge every day.

One GI's idea of heaven is to attain Methuselah's age and have Solomon's wives.

"A true musician," observes sad-sack Sam, "is a man who puts his ear to the keyhole when he hears a woman singing in the bathtub."

A pregnant housewife thought her condition gave her a priority on a hard-to-get telephone and put in a personal application. Chagrined when she learned that the rumor was false, she exclaimed: "But that's why I am this way."

A GI just back from the Southwest Pacific said that he had this dream meal: Odor of Chicken Soup, Memory of Pineapple Salad, Shadow of Beef Sandwich, and Lemon Mirage Pie.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife,
His ass thou shalt not slaughter.
But, thank the Lord it isn't a sin
To covet thy neighbor's daughter.

Girl in PX reports that a soldier came in recently and asked for a bar of soap. He said some of the boys were going to give a bride a shower.

A popular dame
Is Rosie Smoots
She plays strip-poker
In one-piece suits.

An allotment is a GI agreement whereby the Government guarantees that some of a soldier's pay is spent on the women entitled to it.

Hear about the absent-minded office manager who pulled the typewriter down on his lap and began to unfasten the ribbon?

Grandma: (Looking at granddaughter's new bathing suit): "If I could have dressed like that when I was a girl, you'd be six years older today."

Asked to explain a white child in his family, the Chinaman said: "Occidents will happen."

"Darling," he cried in tender tones,
"I ne'er have loved but thee."
"Then we must part," the maiden said.
"No amateurs for me."

The slowest thing in the world is a nudist going over a barbed wire fence.

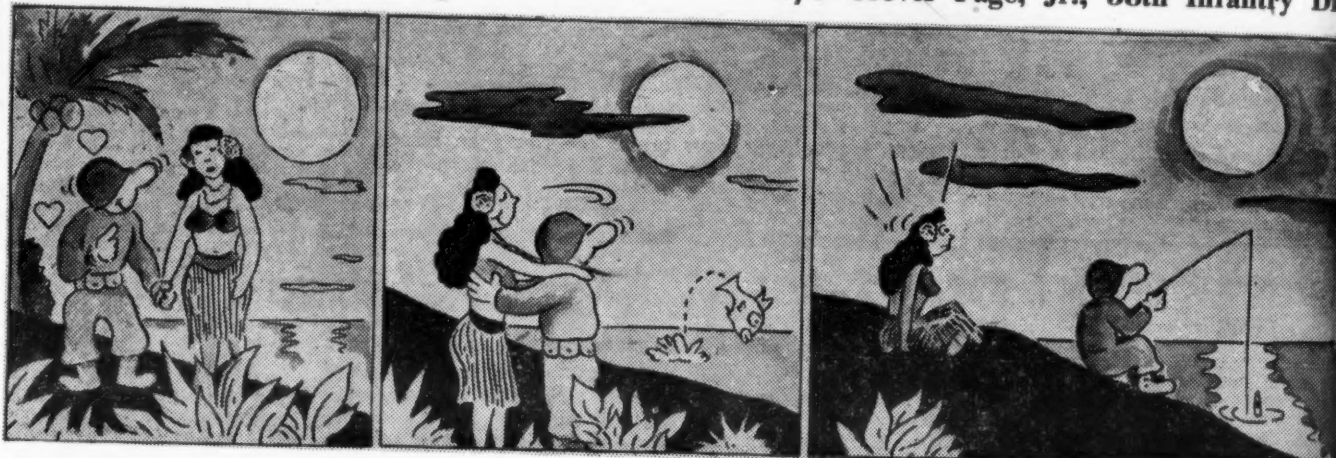
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Cpl. Dean "Doc" Davis, Sheppard Field, Tex.

Soldier Shows

"Give me a thousand men who are entertained, rather than ten thousand who have had no entertainment."
General John J. Pershing.

In this column the Entertainment Section of the Special Services Division contributes items on Soldier Shows which are in some way interesting or outstanding. Perhaps in some items you will find a suggestion which will be helpful to you in producing your show.

ATC "NATURAL"

CAMP LUNA, N. M.—The flying of the Air Transport Command is soon be spending their off-duty hours being regaled by the seven-man Special Service Entertainment Unit now being formed to put on shows in the overseas division of ATC. Camp Luna, New Mexico, recently witnessed the premiere of the newest such unit—a premiere met with a rousing reception. A review of the opening by Luna scribe: "Broadway came to last week with the debut of ATC's newest Special Service Entertainment Unit as it rocked and rolled the inner walls of the Post again and again with roars of laughter and merriment. It has been a long time since any show has come by here packing such a wallop and providing so many laughs." A run-down of the show reveals an abundance of talent and experience in the seven-man troupe: (1) an M. C. who sparks the show with gags and impressions; once regaled the cash customers in Manhattan night clubs; (2) a pianist who formerly worked for Universal Pictures; (3) a guitarist who from a Mutual network band; an accordionist who doubles as a soloist—just as he did on West Coast radio shows; (5) an erstwhile technician and Marco dancing star; a straight man whose back-and-forth embraces top-flight CBS radio programs; and (7) a magician whose legerdemain once baffled night patrons and now flabbergasts as he deftly relieves them of anything from shirts to wristwatches. This seven-man ATC Special Service Entertainment Unit bids to be one of the finest troupes to perform for GI's overseas. It's heartening to know that this unit is but one of many being organized for similar Soldier Shows at ATC installations all over the globe.

A-1 ADDENDUM

FOSTER GENERAL HOSPITAL, N. M.—Something new has been added to the reconditioning program in force at Foster General Hospital. That something is a Soldier Show Workshop, which promises to be a source of much entertainment, instruction, and morale-boosting for the Foster patients. Workshop is operated on a week cycle, all patients attending one-hour classes per week, Monday through Friday. Each week the four-week period will cover a different phase of Soldier Show production. Patients hold conferences during the first week to discuss the types of shows suitable and choose one particular type of production that will serve as the over-project for the entire four-week period. The second week sees the broken down into its several elements and problems of production, with detailed instruction being given to personnel with rich backgrounds in the fields of scenic design, stage management, set-building, acting, action, publicity, make-up and costumes. Comes the third week—various phases of production are rehearsed and the show goes into rehearsal. The fourth week is the big one—the completely rehearsed and equipped show is put on the boards. All in all, the Soldier Show Workshop augurs well for an entertainment program that will contribute mightily to the success of Foster's reconditioning program.

Those desiring a more detailed description of the SOP of the Soldier Show Workshop should request same from the Entertainment Section, Special Services Division, ASF, 25 Grand Street, New York 18, N. Y.



THIS is Susanna Foster. She is a movie actress. The reasons are obvious. But in case you would like to see more of Susanna her PRO says she is appearing in "The Climax" and "Bowery to Broadway."

Abandoned German Material Used to Repair Yank Guns

WITH U. S. FORCES IN FRANCE—Soldiers of an anti-aircraft artillery maintenance company in one of the Allies' busiest liberated seaports have turned the tables on Nazis who fled before their entrance. The ordnance men are making good use of abandoned German electrical equipment and other material to speed their work of servicing an anti-aircraft brigade.

Shortly after liberation of the town, the maintenance men were ordered to set up a repair shop for guns and instruments in what had been a scrap dump for the ousted enemy—"A dirty junkyard," to use the Yanks' own description.

This location was in such condition as only a retreating, defeated enemy and heavily waged battle can leave behind. In a few days the hard work of all men in the company bore fruit in the form of a stable turned into an anti-aircraft gun workshop, a lumber shed converted into a small arms store, and a cleaned up parking area for vehicles and artillery.

Finishing touches were ironically applied with the contents of several barrels of German camouflage paint. With local electrical sources not yet restored, two damaged generators, forgotten by the Nazis, were combined to provide one capable of supplying current for repair machinery.

The stable, all but completely blown off by bombardment as the Allies moved in, was soon turned

into a watch repair shop by the soldiers.

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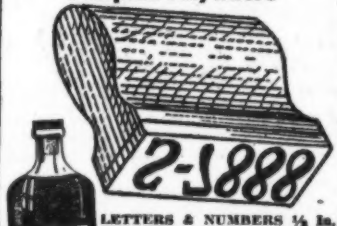
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